SLTPD may have found man who assaulted woman

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A man who reportedly assaulted a woman last week has contacted an attorney who in turn is working with South Lake Tahoe police to arrange a surrender of his client.

"As this case is still under investigation and no culpability has yet been established to the point of developing probable cause to make an arrest, we are not releasing the identity of this person," the department said in a statement.

A man accused of sexually assaulting a woman in South Lake Tahoe is being sought by police.

The victim reported having been sexually assaulted early in the morning of Aug. 28 at a residence in the city.



The photo is from a convenience store video system near the Y close to the time of the assault.

The suspect and victim had met only hours prior, so the victim could not positively identify the suspect. The suspect may go by Ben or Benjamin. He is a white male in his late 20s or early 30s, he is estimated to be about 6-feet-1-inch tall and 180 pounds. He has reddish hair and blue eyes. At the time of the assault he had shoulder length hair and a beard.

Officers said they delayed release of the information because they believed they had a suspect identified. That person has since been cleared.

Anyone with information is asked to call the police department at 530.542.6100.

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