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## Carjacking

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at approximately 9:25 AM, a La Mesa Police Officer was conducting a traffic stop at Grossmont Center Drive and Murray Drive when he heard a male yelling for help. The officer immediately went to assist the man, an 82-year-old resident of El Cajon, and learned the man had been carjacked.

Further investigation revealed the victim picked up the suspect in El Cajon, after the victim became disoriented and the suspect offered to assist him. The two traveled together to La Mesa, where an argument ensued inside the victim's vehicle. The suspect struck the victim in the head and forced him out of the vehicle. The suspect drove away in the victim's vehicle and was last seen driving westbound on Murray Drive from Grossmont Center Drive.

The victim's vehicle is described as: silver 2016 Jeep Cherokee, California license plate 7REG835. If you see the vehicle, please call 9-1-1 and do not approach the vehicle.

The suspect is described as a Black male adult in his 30s, approximately 5'7" with a thin build and short hair. He was last seen wearing a tan t-shirt.

If you have any information on this case, please call the La Mesa Police Department at (619) 667-1400. You may also call Crime Stoppers' anonymous toll-free tip line (888) 580-TIPS (or [www.sdcrimestoppers.com](http://www.sdcrimestoppers.com)). You can remain anonymous, and be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest in this case.



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