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Suspect Arrested After Victim Fends Off Attack in Unincorporated Gilroy Home

On Sunday, June 10, 2018, at approximately 2:38 PM, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the 11500 block of Columbet Avenue in Unincorporated Gilroy. A female adult reported to deputies that her neighbor unlawfully entered her home, attacked her, and attempted to remove her clothing. The female defended herself from attack and escaped her own home. However, the suspect pursued her outside, attempting to drag her back into the residence. Fortunately, the victim fought the man off and ran to get help.

Upon arrival, Sheriff's Office Deputies immediately began their investigation and search for the suspect. During the course of searching the rural property, the suspect was observed fleeing on foot. The suspect, later identified as Hipolito Martinez, was hiding in a nearby culvert when apprehended by Sheriff's Office Deputies.

"The fight and determination exhibited by this woman through multiple attacks was nothing short of heroic. Her ability to fight off her attacker and call for help, lead to this quick apprehension and likely saved future women from being victimized by this individual," said Santa Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith

Hipolito Martinez was booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail on various felony charges to include; Kidnapping, Burglary, False Imprisonment, and Assault with Intent to Commit a Felony.

Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office Investigation Division at 408-808-4500.

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Hipolito Martinez, 35, Gilroy