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Subject : Possible Mountain Lion Spotted at University and Woodland**Contact :** Agent Dan Ryan, Palo Alto Police Department 408-406-1330

Palo Alto, CA - A pedestrian reported that he saw a mountain lion resting in the creek-bed of San Francisquito Creek, near University Avenue, at approximately 1:30 p.m. today. The suspected lion was simply sitting in the creek, and there was no actual human-lion interaction.

The sighting has not been confirmed, and no other evidence has been found. Mountain lions often do use the creek-beds as a natural pathway within their normal habitat, and evidence of the presence of mountain lions has been found as far East as US Highway 101, in Palo Alto, in recent years.

Residents along the creek were notified via the CANS alert system, and two local schools were also contacted. Residents are advised to keep their pets and pet food containers indoors, and to call 650-329-2413 immediately if they spot a suspected lion.

The California Department of Fish and Game offers a variety of safety tips at their website, accessed via www.CA.gov.

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