Detectives Investigate Attempted Abduction of 13 Year Old Girl

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 13th, 2012 at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Location: 601 31st Street South

Suspect #1: B/M, early 20's, 5'8", light skinned, muscular build, full beard, both ears pierced with black & gray earrings. He had tattoos on the inside of both forearms and was LSW a solid black t-shirt with black cargo style shorts, black socks and Nike sandals.

Suspect #2: B/M, early 20's, 5'8", dark complexion, very thin build, unshaven, with small “twisty” braids in his hair. He was LSW a black t-shirt with the Nike logo “Just Do It” written on the front, black gym shorts with blue stripes down the sides.

Incident Summary:

The 13 year old female victim reported that she was walking home from her school bus stop and was proceeding south bound down 31st Street when she observed the two described suspects sitting on the front porch of the vacant residence at 610 31st Street South.

The victim reported seeing the two suspects in the neighborhood in the passed, but does not know them.

As she pasted the residence, Suspect #1 called out to her, but the victim ignored him and kept on walking.

Suspect #1 then ran up behind the victim, grabbed her and pulled her to the ground. The victim screamed and attempted to fight him off, but he continued to hold her, dragging her towards the vacant residence where the 2nd suspect remained seated on the porch.

Based on statements made by the Suspect #1, it appeared the attack may have been sexually motivated.

At one point, Suspect #1 began to strike the victim as she continued to struggle with him.

As the struggle continued, a unidentified man, described by the victim as an older W/M, ran up and pushed Suspect #1, yelling at him to let the victim go. As a result, the victim reported that she able to break free from the suspect’s grasp and began to flee home where she reported the assault to her mother who in turn called the police.
The victim did display physical injuries consistent with her account of the assault.

According to the victim Suspect #2 never spoke or took any active part in the attack and potential may be considered just a witness.

Officers searching the area were unable to locate the two suspects or the Good Samaritan who intervened on the victim’s behalf.

Detectives are asking for the public’s assistance in identifying the suspects in this case as well as the identity of the Good Samaritan.

Anyone with information should call the non-emergency number at 727-893-7780, Text-A-Tip to 727-420-8911 or leave a confidential tip at 727-892-5000.

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