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Detectives Seek Assistance in Locating Good Samaritan Witness

The St Petersburg Police Department is attempting to locate a Good Samaritan who helped stop an attempted sexual battery attack on a woman on the Pinellas Trail in the area of Tyrone Blvd on Christmas Eve.

On December 24th at about 12:50 a.m., the 23 year old female victim was walking home after leaving a party and was joined by the suspect whom she had just recently met through a friend. The suspect insisted on accompanying the victim and at some point along the Trail punched the victim in the face, knocking her to the ground and then attempted to remove her clothing.

The victim was attempting to fight off the suspect when the Good Samaritan, who was riding a bike on the Trail, approached the scene. Observing the victim struggling with the suspect, the Good Samaritan began yelling at him to leave the victim alone. The suspect became distracted enough that the victim was able to break free and flee to a near-by home to summon help. The suspect apparently fled the area and the Good Samaritan could not be located by the time officers arrived on the scene.

The suspect was later located and arrested on charges of attempted sexual battery. The arrested suspect was identified as Tyrone Jerome Monroe, B/M, 01/08/2010 of 7518 39th Place North, St. Petersburg.

Detectives would like to locate the Good Samaritan whom the victim described as a white male in his 50's, approximately 170 pounds, with shoulder length grey hair and a moustache. He was riding a mountain bike, and was wearing a blue denim jacket, blue jeans and a dark baseball cap.

Anyone with information regarding this incident can contact Detective Wallace Pavelski at 727-893-4823 or the Tip Line at 727 892 5000 or Text a Tip at 727 420 8911.

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