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Detectives Release Video and Seek the Public's Assistance Identifying Stabbing Suspect.

Suspect Description: B/M, 20 to 30 years of age, 5'7-5'9", slender build, close cut hair, wearing a tan, collared button down shirt with palm trees on it, black jeans and having large diamond earrings.

On 01/01/11 at about 2:00 a.m., the 30 year old female victim and a female friend were leaving the PUSH Ultra Lounge at 128 3rd Street South. Once outside they were confronted by the above described suspect who grabbed the victim in a sexually suggestive manner.

Neither the victim nor her friend had ever seen the suspect before and yelled at him to leave them alone.

The victim and her friend proceeded south on 3rd Street South looking for a cab and noted the suspect appeared to be following them. At they arrived in the area of the 300 block of 3rd Avenue South, the suspect again approached, this time grabbing the victim's dress and lifted it up.

The victim slapped the suspect across the face, yelling at him to leave her alone and then turned to walk away. At that moment the victim was then stabbed multiple times in the back by the suspect who ran away NW through a parking lot.

The victim was taken to Bayfront Medical Center where she was found to have multiple stab wounds to her upper torso and was suffering from a collapsed lung. She was admitted and is expected to be released from the hospital yesterday.

A check of surrounding businesses did reveal some security video footage from two sources of the suspect fleeing the area after the stabbing. While the footage is not particularly clear, detectives are hoping that anyone who might have knowledge as to the suspect identity will contact them as soon as possible.

For reasons involving her personal safety, the victim in this case has requested her identity not be divulged.

Those with information are asked to call Detective Dave Wawrzynski at 727-348-7512 or the Tip Line at 727 892 5000 or Text a Tip at 727 420 8911.

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