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Video of Aggravated Battery Suspect Released

Detectives have released the attached video of a suspect believed to be involved in the aggravated battery of a woman in downtown St. Petersburg on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at about 10:30 p.m.

On that date the 26 year old female victim was walking with a female friend in the 200 block for Central Avenue when they were confronted by a shirtless man who began to make derogatory and obscene comments to the two women.

Neither of the women were acquainted with the man and confronted him about his language. He responded by spiting beer in their faces and then struck one of them in the head with a beer bottle.

The suspect then fled into the alley north of Central Avenue where a production crews happen to be filming a rap video. The film producer reported to investigating officers that they actually filmed the suspect fleeing into the alley and that at one point the suspect ran up, stopped and mugged for the camera before continuing to flee down the alley.

The victim and her friend viewed footage of the suspect and positively identified him as the individual that had assaulted her.

The film crew was unable to download a copy of the footage to give to officers at that time, but did provide an internet link to which they would post the video for investigators to retrieve later. The attached video was obtained from that link and the written captions seen on the video were apparently added by the production crew.

The victim did suffer a contusion to the back of her head as a result of the assault, but was not hospitalized.

Detectives are asking that anyone who might recognize the suspect in the video to contact Det. Kenny Miller at 727-892-5916. Callers may also utilize the Tip Line at 727-892-5000.

Information released by Mike Puetz

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