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Detectives Release Video of Suspect in Sexual Assault Case

Suspect Description:

B/M, light skinned, 19-20 years of age, 5'9" to 5'11", thick afro style hair, clean shaven, faded red or orange colored t-shirt, long beige colored shorts cut to below the knee, dark colored high top shoes. The suspect was last seen riding a two tone white and possible light green colored mountain style bike.

Detectives are investigating a sexual assault of a 19 year old female which took place at about 5:30 a.m. this morning in the area of 38th Avenue South and 38th Street.

The victim advised that she had just left the Walmart store at 3501 34 Street South and was walking home when she was approached by the above listed suspect who approached her as she reached the area of 38 Avenue South and 38 Street.

The suspect got off his bicycle, ran up to the victim and pulled her into some nearby bushes where he sexually assaulted her. After the assault, the suspect returned to his bicycle and fled east bound out of the area.

The victim did advise that prior to the assault, she saw the suspect enter the Walmart. Detectives obtained a copy of the security video from the store and the victim has identified the subject seen in the attached video as being responsible for the attack upon her.

Detectives believe that based on the similarity in description, location and method of attack, this suspect may also be responsible for the September 20th sexual assault of a 15 year old girl which took place on a pedestrian foot path which transverses east-west under the I-275 overpass, between 34th Street and 31 Street South, in the 4600 block.

In that case the victim had exited a PSTA bus on 34th Street South and was riding her skateboard east bound on the path heading towards 31st Street. While under the interstate overpass she was grabbed from behind by a male suspect who pulled her down to the ground and subsequently committed a sexual battery.

Detectives are seeking assistance from anyone who might recognize the suspect in this video or may have any information regarding these sexual assaults to contact 727-893-7780 or the Tip Line at 727-892-5000.

Information released by Mike Puetz