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## **Attempt Strong Armed Robbery Composite**

Incident: Attempt Strong Armed Robbery  
Location: The Pinellas Trail  
Date: September 24, 2009  
Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Offense: 2009-069843  
Victim: 12 & Six year olds W/F

St. Petersburg Police today released a composite of the suspect involved in the attempt unarmed robbery on the Pinellas Trail.

The suspect is described as a white male, 20-30 years of age, 5'6" - 5'8", thin build, short brown hair and clean shaven. He was wearing a dark blue baseball cap, a dark blue sweatshirt or sweater, dark blue or black jogging style shorts and a green bracelet on his wrist. The witness thought the man's clothing was too big for him.

On Thursday September 24, 2009 at about 8:00am, a 12 year old girl and her 6 year old sister were walking to nearby public schools, traveling northbound on the Pinellas Trail. They reached the area between 9th Avenue North and 13th Avenue North when a stranger walking in the opposite direction passed by them.

The man turned around and ran up to the 12 year old girl, grabbed her from behind, placing one of his arms around her midsection. He tried to lift her up with one arm as he rifled through one of her rear pants pockets, apparently looking for money.

The 12 year old girl screamed, kicked by swinging her feet backwards, and slapped the stranger's face "as hard as she could," according to investigators.

Not finding any money, the stranger put her down and ran away.

The victim did not sustain any injuries.

The suspect's motive appears to be robbery, as he did not touch her in a sexual manner.  
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