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Detectives Investigate Sexual Assault of Fifteen Year Old Victim

St. Petersburg Police detectives are investigating the sexual assault of a 15 year old girl which took place yesterday afternoon at about 3:00 p.m. The assault 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.

According the 15 year old female victim, she 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.

After approximately twenty minutes to a half hour the victim was released by the suspect who was last seen riding a bicycle west bound towards 34th Street. The victim ran back east and sought help at a residence near 31st Street where police were called.

Aside from scrapes to her knees, the victim did not suffer any other physical injuries.

The suspect is described as a B/M in his 20's, under 6 feet tall, medium build, 160-170 lbs, having short hair and a goatee. He was last seen wearing a white tank top and black gym shorts. The bike he was riding was described a dark colored mountain bike.

Detectives have not yet identified a suspect in this case and are seeking assistance from anyone who might be familiar with a subject of that description who may frequent that area. Anyone who feels that they have information may contact 727-893-7780 or the Tip Line at 727-892-5000.

Information released by Mike Puetz

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