



COON RAPIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Public Assistance Needed to Identify Suspect in Attempted Abduction

At 9:05 a.m., Coon Rapids Police Department officers responded to a call about an attempted abduction and assault in the area of Coon Rapids Boulevard and Coon Rapids Boulevard Extension. The victim, a 16-year-old girl, was on the nearby walking path, on her skateboard...when she sensed someone behind her...who then grabbed her, pulled her into the woods and sprayed her with pepper spray and tried to attack her.

The victim screamed, kicked and fought off her attacker. The suspect then ran away into the woods.

Our officers arrived quickly on scene and set up a perimeter in the surrounding area. Officers from several agencies: Coon Rapids, Blaine, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and Metro Transit all responded as part of the investigation. A K-9 and a drone were also used in the suspect search from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office.

At this time, the suspect has not been found. The suspect is described as a white male, in his mid-30's, wearing a black sweatshirt, with grey sleeves (the sweatshirt had the Adidas brand on the front), dark sweat pants, black hair, lower profile beard, and a thin build.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension developed a suspect sketch based on the victim's description. If anyone has information, please call Anoka County Dispatch at 763-427-1212.

This is an active investigation and we are pursuing all leads. Our Department is doing everything possible to find this individual, enhancing our patrol, including bike patrol and other enhanced patrol in the community.

Our investigators will be available throughout the weekend, monitoring any and all leads that come in.

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