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Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009
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Attempted Kidnap Suspect Sought

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Thursday, September 10, 2009, at about 7:30 am the Riverside Police Department Dispatch Center received a call regarding the possible attempted kidnapping of a young girl that occurred in the area of University and Franklin Avenues in the city of Riverside. Riverside Police Officers immediately responded to investigate the crime.

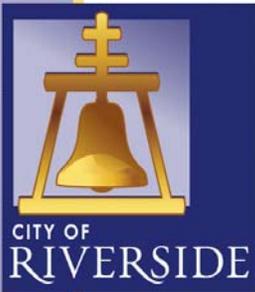
A 14-year-old girl was walking in the area of University and Franklin when she noticed a man in his thirties walking toward her. The man approached her, grabbed her arm and attempted to forcibly take her with him on foot. The victim broke free of his grasp and ran away. The suspect followed the victim approximately two blocks and again grabbed her, this time by her backpack, which she slipped out of and ran home where she notified police.

The suspect fled on foot in an unknown direction and the victim's backpack was recovered in the same area where she was assaulted.

The suspect is still outstanding and being sought by police. The suspect has been described as a male Hispanic with green eyes, aged in his thirties, standing 5'-8" to 5'-10" tall, thin build and shoulder length hair. The suspect was last seen wearing a black tee shirt, blue jeans and white shoes.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Detective Rick Wheeler at (951) 353-7134.

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