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Incident: Police Seek Sexual Assault and Robbery Suspect

Abbotsford: December 23, 2011

The Abbotsford Police Department is requesting the public's assistance with the investigation of a very serious incident that took place on Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 8:15 pm near John MACLURE Elementary School in the 2900 block of Oriole Crescent. An 18 year old woman was walking through a field on the east side of the school when she noticed a man standing in the darkness. She attempted to walk in the opposite direction and away from the man but was quickly grabbed by the suspect. When the woman screamed the man indicated he had a weapon and demanded money from her. The man obtained some cash and other property from the victim but also groped the woman and attempted to force her into a sexual act. Fortunately, the woman was able to fight free of the suspect and run to a place of safety.

Abbotsford Police Patrol officers and a K9 unit were unable to locate the suspect when they were called minutes later. Since that evening, Major Crime detectives have assumed responsibility for the investigation. A composite sketch of the suspect has been prepared by an officer from the Forensic Investigation Unit of APD (attached). The suspect was described as an Indo-Canadian man in his 20's with a thin build, short hair, wearing a black baseball cap, a black jacket and blue jeans.

Anyone with information about the suspect or the incident should contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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