



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

June 12, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Kidnapping Allegation a False Story

The June 9 reported kidnapping and attempted sexual assault alleged to have taken place at the College Square shopping center did not actually occur. The investigating detective discovered discrepancies in the victim's story. After being confronted with the inconsistencies, the 13 year-old female admitted she concocted the account of the kidnapping. The actual story is the girl was trying to conceal visiting her boyfriend without her parents' consent.

The original press release follows.

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DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: June 09, 2009/1713 hours

LOCATION: 100 College Square Newark, De

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Kidnapping

VICTIM: 13 year old, female

Suspect #1
Hispanic male
5'06", 20-25 years of age, thin build, short spiked hair,
tattoo under left eye, facial acne

Summary:

On June 09, 2009, at approximately 1713 hours, the victim, a 13 year old female, was walking through the rear of the Pathmark parking lot located at 100 College Square Newark, De. The female victim was then approached by a Hispanic male, 5'06", 20-25 years of age, short spiked hair, with a tattoo under his left eye, and facial acne. The male suspect was driving a black four door sedan with heavily tinted windows, chrome rims displaying an unknown Pennsylvania registration. The male suspect grabbed the female victim and forced her into the vehicle. The suspect then left the area with the victim. While driving the suspect attempted to sexually assault the victim. The female was able to flee the vehicle unharmed and contacted police.

The victim sustained minor injury and no medical treatment was required.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Det Sansone of the Newark Police Department at (302) 366-7110 Ext. 135 (Nick.Sansone@cj.state.de.us) or Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

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