

# CRIME ALERT

## Sexual Assault

September 14, 2015

### Facts:

On 09/08/2015 at approximately 5:30 am, the victim was running on Lake Harriet Parkway West around Lake Harriet. Near the intersection with Sheridan Av S, an unknown male ran up behind her and grabbed her buttocks. The victim then ran off and the suspect chased her for a brief moment until the victim began to scream, at which point the suspect ran off in a different direction.

### Suspect Information:

The suspect is described as a white male, 5'9, 40-50 years old, with blond-grey or white hair, clean shaven. The suspect had an athletic build.

### What you can do:

- Call 911 on suspicious activity at the time you see it.
- At night, try to stay on well-lighted streets. Avoid doorways, shrubbery, dark shadows near buildings, and other potential hiding places.
- While out walking or jogging, be aware of your surroundings. Look alert and confident. Make quick eye contact with people around you.
- Avoid going out alone. If possible, walk with a friend or co-worker. Two people together are less likely to be targeted than one person alone.
- If approached, draw attention to yourself or a potential attacker by using loud verbal commands, a screech alarm, or both.
- If you are being followed on foot, look back at the person who is following you. This gives you time to think and lets the person know that you are aware of him. Walk to the nearest public place where there are other people.
- If an attacker confronts you, *stay calm*. Evaluate the situation and consider your options. If possible, look at the robber one feature at a time and make a mental note of his hair, eyes, eyebrows, nose, facial hair, mouth, voice, breath, age, height and build.
- Attend a free Personal Safety Workshop.
- As soon as you can, call 911 and *write down everything you can remember about the suspect*. This will aid in giving us an accurate description of the suspect.
- For crime prevention resources and information on sexual assault or rape, please visit [http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/about/investigations/police\\_about\\_sexcrimes](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/about/investigations/police_about_sexcrimes)

**If you are the victim of a crime, see a crime in progress, or witness suspicious activity, please call 911 immediately!**

For more information on personal safety and crime prevention call Crime Prevention Specialists Jennifer Waisanen 612-673-5407.

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