

Police Advisory

Sexual Assault

March 11, 2016

Facts:

On Wednesday March 9 at approximately 3:30 am, an adult woman reported that a man approached her while she walked on the street and attempted a conversation. When she did not engage, he pulled her aside. He attempted to sexually assault her on the 800 block of 32nd St W.

There is limited suspect description. There is no further information on this case at this time. It is assigned an investigator in the Sex Crimes Unit.

If you have any information on this case, including any information that can help identify a suspect, please call the Sex Crimes unit at 612.673.3081 in reference to police case number 16-082076. Alternatively, you can call our Tips Line at (612) 692-8477, or use the free MPD Tip 411 app, or text MPD + your tip to 847411 (Tip 411). MPD Tip 411 is anonymous.

What you can do:

- **For information on sexual assault and rapes, please view our handouts/brochures on three important topics:** Myths and Misconceptions about Rape/Sexual Assault, Rape/Sexual Assault: What to do if it happens to you, and Risk Reduction for Rape. You can find all of these at go.usa.gov/c2cb4
- ALL primary and secondary survivors of any sort of sexual violence can get FREE help and counseling through the Sexual Violence Center. Their 24-hour crisis line is 612.871.5111, and their website is www.sexualviolencecenter.org. A 'secondary survivor' is anyone who was not the direct victim of sexual violence but who feels affected by it.
- Find personal safety tips at go.usa.gov/cTfZj
- **Call 911 on suspicious activity at the time you see it.** This includes helping others by calling 911 if you witness a crime or someone possibly in trouble.
 - When calling 911, describe the suspect to the best of your ability so officers know who to look for upon arrival. If the situation changes (such as an escalation or suspects leave), call 911 back.
 - If a vehicle is involved, if at all possible provide the license plate. If that is not possible, try to describe the vehicle, including anything that makes the vehicle stand out.
 - If the suspicious persons/vehicle leave, call 911 back and let them know.
 - More 911 information: https://youtu.be/fCPMyqpV_DM, and: go.usa.gov/c2UdT
- Alert others to suspicious incidents if appropriate and if this can be done safely for all involved.
- Trust your instincts: if something feels off, there is a reason for it.
- If you have a building that has surveillance, ensure that the video is working, good quality, and can be retrieved
- Become a block leader! Receive detailed alerts of most crimes in your area and forward to your neighbors. Contact your Crime Prevention Specialist for more information.

For more crime prevention information, please contact your Crime Prevention Specialist. Find your CPS by neighborhood – visit go.usa.gov/cT7kk or call 311.

