

# Police Advisory

**Sexual Assault**

**April 18, 2016**

## **Facts:**

On 4/16/2016 at approximately 9pm, a female reported that she was walking when a group of males called her over to their vehicle. She spoke with them for a bit and then walked away. They approached her a short time later on foot and brought near the area of 32<sup>nd</sup> St W and Blaisdell Av S, where they sexually assaulted her.

## **Suspect Information:**

There are five reported suspects. They are described as:

1. 19-23 year old dark skinned; Somali male, 6', light build, with short black frizzy hair.
2. 19-23 year old dark skinned Somali male, 6', light build, with black short hair.
3. 15-17 year old dark skinned; Somali male, 5'10"- 6' light build with short black hair.
4. 19-23 year old dark skinned Somali male, 6', light build with short black hair.
5. 50-56 year old dark skinned Somali male, 6', heavy build, with a balding head.

The vehicle they were in was described as a small black 4 door vehicle with tinted windows and a gray/silver interior.

**\* 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](http://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](http://www.sexualviolencecenter.org). A 'secondary survivor' is anyone who was not the direct victim of sexual violence but who feels affected by it.
- Attend a **FREE Personal Safety Workshop this Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm, 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 3101 Nicollet Ave South.**
- Find personal safety tips at [go.usa.gov/cTfZj](http://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 leaves, call 911 back and let them know.
  - More 911 information: [https://youtu.be/fCPMyqpV\\_DM](https://youtu.be/fCPMyqpV_DM), and: [go.usa.gov/c2UdT](http://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](http://go.usa.gov/cT7kk) or call 311.

