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Public Safety Advisory

Attempted Kidnapping and Molestation

Oakland, CA — Oakland Police Investigators will release video surveillance later today of a suspect in connection with an attempted kidnapping of a 9-year-old girl.

On March 25, 2013 at 6:20 PM, it was reported that a 9-year-old girl was playing in front of her home in the 1200 block of 94th Avenue when she was approached by a stranger, who grabbed her. The suspect wrapped both of his arms around the victim and lifted her off the ground. The suspect began to inappropriately touch the victim. Then he started to carry her away from her home. Before he could leave the property with her, the victim's family members were able interrupt the attempted kidnapping, causing him to release the victim. The suspect fled on foot south bound on 94th Avenue.

The suspect is described as a male Hispanic, mid to late twenties, 5'8", 170 pounds, light complexion, ears that stick out, short black hair spiked in front and long in the back, mustache and goatee. He was wearing a gray long sleeve shirt with black sleeves and a black stripe on the chest and blue jeans. **(No sketch available at this time.)**

Witnesses described the suspect getting into **a 1990's Honda Civic, 2 Door Silver in color, which was parked down the street.**

Oakland Police and Crime Stoppers of Oakland are offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest in this case. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Youth and Family Service Division at (510) 238- 3641 or the Tip Line at (510) 637-0298.

Background: Investigators believe this incident may be related to an attempted kidnapping made by two male adults on November 5, 2012. The description of the second suspect in that attempt is similar to the current suspect (see below). In the 2012 attempt, a 14-year-old girl was walking in the 1400 block of 103rd Avenue at 4:30 PM when she was approached from behind by a stranger (suspect-1) who grabbed her. The stranger tried to pull her over to a nearby waiting vehicle. The victim struggled and was able to escape from the stranger and ran home, where she told her parents what happened.

Both suspects were described as Caucasian males, mid to late twenties, tall and thin, 140-150 pounds. **Suspect-1** was described as clean shaven with shoulder length blonde hair. He was wearing a white T-Shirt and black pants with brown work shoes.

Suspect-2 (the driver – no sketch available at this time) was described as having a goatee, short brown hair that is spiked. Unknown clothing.

The suspect vehicle was described as **a newer model red Dodge Ram pick-up truck** (clean) with an extended cab, two door, possibly having a gray interior.

AS A SAFETY REMINDER:

- Always be aware of your surroundings. Don't be distracted by cell phones and electronic devices;
- Stay in well lit and populated areas;
- Be especially alert when entering and exiting your vehicle;
- Remember to lock your car door after entering your vehicle; and
- If someone or something looks suspicious call the police.

Nixle Tip Watch allows tipsters to send OPD a tip four ways:

1. *Text* **TIP OAKLANDPD** to **888-777** from your cell phone
2. *Call* our toll-free tip hotline at **855-TIPS-247** (855-847-7247)
3. *Respond* to OPD's Nixle messages

For more information, please contact the Media Relations Office at 510-238-7230 or opdmedia@oaklandnet.com. or Visit Nixle.com to receive Oakland Police Department alerts, advisories and community messages, or follow OPD on Twitter, @oaklandpoliceca.

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