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Somerville Police Investigate Indecent Assault and Battery

November 17, 2011 – *The following is an alert from the Somerville Police Department:*

This is Deputy Chief Paul Upton of the Somerville Police Department with an important public safety message for residents in your area.

Thursday morning, at about 1:30 a.m., a 22 year old woman was assaulted as she walked in the vicinity of Highland Avenue and Cherry Street. The victim had walked from the Porter Square area. The victim reported that she was grabbed from behind and indecently assaulted before she screamed and resisted, apparently scaring off the suspect. The suspect then fled on Highland Avenue toward Davis Square.

This incident is similar to other recent incidents in this area. The suspect is believed to be a white male, possibly with a muscular build, about 5' 5" to 5' 8" inches tall, wearing all dark clothing. Anyone who has information about this incident is urged to contact Somerville Police at 617-625-1212, or text SPD617 to Tip411.

As always, we urge residents, particularly women, who may be walking alone at night, to remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings. For your safety, you should try to remain on well-lit routes and avoid wearing headphones or ear buds. Keep your cell phone readily available but avoid distracting phone calls. If you suspect you are being followed, head for a store or building that you know to be open. Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable about someone near you, head for a populated area and call 911 immediately.

The police department has increased patrols of both marked and unmarked cars in this area and we are working with other police agencies to identify and apprehend this suspect. If you see anyone or anything unusual, please call 911 immediately. Thank you.

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