



# **HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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On 05/20/08 at approximately 8am, a 13 yr old girl reported that she was kidnapped at knifepoint while walking to school. After further investigation and interviews, we determined the suspect was not a stranger but an acquaintance of the victim.

"It appears that the story about being kidnapped while walking to school was not true. We have identified a possible suspect (who is under 18 yrs old) and we are actively searching for him. We still have evidence that a sexual assault took place and thus will be looking to file charges against the suspect."

"We want to get this information out to the public now, especially to parents who have children walking to school, so that they are aware of the facts behind this case. We still encourage students to walk in groups and be aware of their surroundings."

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