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Assault of a 13 yr old walking to school

On 10/16/09 at around 6:30 am, a 13 yr old female was walking to school when she was assaulted by a male adult who grabbed her from behind and possibly tried to sexually assault her.

The 13 yr old female was walking to school and was at 140th street and Inglewood Ave when she noticed a male subject walking in front of her.

The subject was holding his hand up to his face and looked back at the victim several times as they walked in the same direction. All of a sudden, the subject turned around and began walking towards the victim. After the subject passed her, he suddenly turned around and she felt his hand reach around the front of her and grab her face.

The male attempted to drag the female but she physically resisted, screamed, and broke away from the male. The male let her go and was last seen running west on 140th Street from Inglewood Ave.

The suspect was described as a male, (possible) Hispanic, dark complexion, 35-40 years old, 5'11" tall, 200 lbs, with curly/shaggy short black hair and a large nose, wearing a tan short sleeve shirt.

Investigators are working with the victim on getting a composite sketch of the suspect.

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