

Boston Police Department investigating attempted kidnapping; seek public's help

“Detectives from District 7 in East Boston are seeking the public’s assistance in identifying an individual who is wanted for an attempted kidnapping that occurred at 4:00 AM, on July 7, 2021.

The victim reports that she was walking to work and was approached by an unknown black male, 18-25 years old, wearing a white t-shirt, white shorts, and dark sneakers. The suspect grabbed the victim while she was walking in the area of Bremen and Porter Streets, East Boston. The female victim was able to break away from the suspect, who fled from the area. A white SUV may have been involved in this incident.

District 7 detectives are actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident and are urging anyone with information relative to this investigation to contact Boston Police District 7 Detectives at (617) 343-4220.

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word ‘TIP’ to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to assist this investigation in an anonymous manner.

Ensuring Personal Safety:

- Always be aware of your surroundings, especially at night.
- When parking, walking or returning to your car, travel in well-lit and populated areas.

- Wear sneakers or shoes that allow for added mobility.
- Be watchful and aware. Keep your head up. Make quick eye contact with those around you and be observant of passing vehicles. Don't become distracted by talking on a cell phone or listening to an iPod/similar device.
- Avoid walking alone late at night. Walk with friends and people you know.
- Keep a whistle within reach. If threatened, use the whistle to signal residents for help. Yelling "Fire!" "Help!" or "Rape!" are ways of drawing attention and alerting people of your situation.
- Hold your car keys in your hand to use as a weapon against an attacker.
- Carry a cell phone and call ahead to your destination to alert them that you're on the way. Make sure you're expected at a certain time, so in the event you fail to show up, those expecting you will know enough to begin looking for you.
- Walk with confidence. Don't let anyone violate your space. Trust your instincts. Anyone at anytime can be a victim of crime so never assume, "IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN TO ME."
- If an unarmed attacker confronts you, believe in your ability to defend, distract, or even incapacitate the attacker enough to escape.
- If you think that someone is following you, switch direction or cross the street. Walk towards an open store, restaurant or residence."



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