



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Deputies Search for a Man that Grabbed a Girl in Aloha

January 20, 2016—Washington County Sheriff's Deputies are searching for a man after he reportedly pulled a high school girl's pants down and then ran off.

On January 19, 2016 at 7:42 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies were called to SW Blanton Street at SW 160th Avenue in the community of Aloha concerning a man that reportedly pulled a high school girl's pants down. It was reported that following the incident, the man ran east on SW Blanton Street.

Sheriff's Deputies responded to the area to search for the suspect but were unable to locate anyone. Sheriff's Deputies were told that the 17 year-old girl was walking down the sidewalk toward the school bus stop when the man ran up behind her and pulled her pants partially down. The girl screamed and the man ran away. The girl was not injured during the incident. Sheriff's Deputies are working with the Beaverton School District and Aloha High School in this case.

Washington County Violent Crime Unit Detectives were contacted and are continuing the investigation. Detectives believe this case is similar to previous incidents that occurred in the general location.

The suspect was described as being in his 20s, having lighter colored skin, with an average height and weight. He was reportedly wearing a black hoodie pulled over his head and black gym shorts.

Washington County Violent Crimes Detectives have a few general recommendations for personal safety:

- Walk in well-lit and populated areas when possible.
- Remain alert to your surroundings- avoid headphones or garments that restrict your ability to see and hear what is happening around you.
- Walk in groups when possible.
- Carry a cell phone with you at all times - call 911 if you witness suspicious activity or believe you are in immediate danger.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office offers Power Curve women safety classes free to the public. See the Sheriff's Office website for more information.

Detectives are seeking the public's help regarding this case. If you have any information, please call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (503) 846-2500.