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Police Investigating Sex Offense Involving Teen Victim and Indecent Exposure Case

Two Unrelated Incidents Occurred the Same Day

Howard County police are investigating two unrelated cases of female victims being approached yesterday by male suspects. In one case, a man exposed himself to a 32-year-old woman as she walked near her home in Laurel. In the other case, a man approached a 13-year-old girl and fondled her as she walked near a school in Columbia.

The first victim reported that a man in a gray car approached her around 9:30 a.m. at All Saints Road and Lyons Ave. The man propositioned the woman, followed her in his vehicle and exposed himself. The victim described the suspect as a black male in his mid-20's.

In the second case, the victim reported that a man in a black car passed her on Garland Lane near Cradlerock Way around 3 p.m. and made a u-turn to approach her. The driver honked his horn and waved the girl over to the car. He asked for directions and then fondled the victim. The victim, who was not injured, described the suspect as a black male with a light complexion, thin moustache and short hair, in his late 20's.

Due to differences in the descriptions of the suspects and vehicles, investigators do not believe at this time that the cases are linked.

Police remind citizens to avoid walking alone whenever possible. Anyone with information should call 410-313-3700.

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