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ASSAULT IN BURNSVILLE PARK

The Burnsville Police responded to the report of a sexual assault that had occurred on Thursday, July 16, 2009, at approximately 9:45 p.m., in Wood Park, in Burnsville. Wood Park is located at 701 East 143rd Street (south of 143rd Street, north of 145th Street, east of Portland Avenue).

A lone female was walking in the park when she was grabbed from behind and assaulted. The attacker is believed to be a stranger and the police are asking the public for assistance.

For Burnsville residents living in the area, or if you were visiting the park on Thursday night, July 16th — if you know of anyone who may have been acting suspicious or have seen any suspicious vehicles parked in the area, please phone our hotline at 952-895-4642.

The Burnsville Police Department's Investigation Unit is actively following-up on leads, therefore, no further information is available at this time.

Incidents of this nature, where strangers assault unknown victims, are rare. Your personal safety is our concern. Please make sure you tell someone where you are going at all times and, if possible, take someone with you. Phone 9-1-1 to report any suspicious or criminal activity occurring in neighborhood parks.

Over the last year Burnsville Police have been called to Wood Park ten times and no assaults have been previously reported. The types of calls range from vandalism, fireworks, juvenile complaints and officer-initiated contacts.

Anyone with information about this assault at Wood Park please call the Burnsville Police Department at 952-895-4642.

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