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Kidnapping/Sexual Battery case update A 2nd person of interest in custody today

Date / Time: Friday January 18, 2014 11:51P.M.

Case number: 2014-0117-02

Location: 1026 North Miami Beach Blvd. North Miami Beach, Florida 33162

Original Case Narrative:

On January 16, 2014, the victim was picking up food from a restaurant located at 1026 North Miami Beach Blvd. As she returned to her vehicle, which was parked in the rear parking lot of the building, she was approached by at least two black male subjects wearing black gloves and armed with handguns. The victim was forced into the back seat of a vehicle and driven away. The victim was then driven to the Oak Grove Area in North Miami Dade County, where she was sexually assaulted by multiple subjects.

1/27/14 - Yesterday's Update:

Over this past weekend North Miami Beach Police detectives made one arrest in this case. Detectives are still actively pursuing other involved subjects and checking for links to any other similar cases. Detectives are working with several law enforcement agencies to solve other possible cases. Releasing any additional information today could compromise this open investigation in many ways. We cannot disclose the arrestee, the arrestee photo, the arrestee name, the arrest location, or the arrest form at this time. We ask that the media assist us, by also not disclosing any such information as well. The arrested juvenile was charged with armed sexual battery, armed carjacking, armed kidnapping, and possession of marijuana. We have no further information. We will not be giving any interviews today. Once investigators have concluded the investigation and have the responsible suspects in custody, a press conference will be announced to disclose more details.

1/28/14 -Today's Update:

North Miami Beach Police undercover detectives were watching locations for a particular second person of interest in the kidnapping/sexual battery case. Today this 17 year old suspect was seen in a blue Nissan at one of the locations. Detectives followed the car until other law enforcement resources were in the area to do a proper and safe take down of the car and its occupants. Detectives knew that this person of interest in our abduction case was already wanted for an unrelated armed robbery committed in November in Miami Dade County. Once resource and back- ups were in the vicinity, the vehicle stopped, and the occupant(s) were detained. This occurred at NE 2 Ct. and NE 58 Ter. at about 1:20 pm today. Our person of interest was arrested for the November county robbery case and taken to Miami Dade Police Headquarters, where detectives from both agencies will be interviewing him on both cases (the County November armed robbery and the current North Miami Beach kidnapping/sexual battery case). Details are vague because our detectives have not closed this case yet, as other individuals involved may still be at large. No further information will be released today.

The North Miami Beach Police Department is still asking the public to come forward if they have any information regarding this Kidnapping/Sexual Battery. If you have any information please contact Miami Dade Crime Stoppers at 305-471-TIPS. All information given to Miami Dade Crime Stoppers, while remain anonymous. Crime Stopper will pay a cash reward if the information leads to an arrest. Detective N. Morrison can also be reached at (305)949-5500.



