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Community Crime Alert Detectives Seek Public's Help In Identifying Suspects

Berkeley, CA. (June 23, 2008) - The City of Berkeley Police Department's (BPD) Detectives are requesting the community's help in solving a recent attempted robbery/sexual assault and a burglary. Detectives are sharing the details of these crimes to keep the public informed and to protect themselves.

On Tuesday, June 17, 2008, in the late morning hours, a woman was sexually assaulted in her residence on the 2300 block of Derby St. The suspect gained entry to her apartment through an unlocked front door.

The suspect is described as:

Black male, 20s, dark complexion, 6-02, thin build, last seen wearing a red, waist length, zippered jacket and red hooded sweatshirt, baggy blue jeans with cargo pockets and a cloth mask covering his face

On Saturday, June 20, 2008, in the early morning hours, an unknown suspect gained access to a residence on the 1800 block of Vine St. via window pry.

The suspect is described as:

Black male, 20s, dark complexion; tall, muscular build, a cloth mask covering his face

In both cases the suspect was armed.

Community members are reminded to employ crime prevention measures whenever possible. By taking a few precautions, you reduce your risk as well as discourage those who commit crimes.

- Be alert to your surroundings and people around you
- Whenever feasible, walk, jog or travel with a friend
- Walk confidently and at a steady pace
- Don't talk on cell phones or listen to I-Pods when alone, as they limit awareness
- Be aware of locations and situations, which make you more vulnerable to crime such as alleys, doorways, parking lots and stairwells
- Stay in well-lighted areas as much as possible
- Become familiar with your neighbors
- Call BPD to report suspicious persons or activity

If you have any information regarding these two cases, please call the BPD Sex Crimes Detail at (510) 981-5735. For crimes in progress, call 911 or (510) 981-5911 from your cell phone. To report suspicious persons or activity, call the BPD non-emergency line at (510) 981-5900.

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