

NEWS RELEASE



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Text: Child is Sexually Assaulted in Front of Family Home

On Saturday March 17 2012, at approximately 6:45 PM, a seven year old female (victim) was in front of the family's home in the City of Covina. As the victim stood in the driveway, a male white suspect between the ages of 18 and 40, walked up to her, covered her mouth with his hand, and carried her to the side of the home. The suspect then sexually assaulted the victim while on the side of the garage. The victim was able to bite the suspect on the hand and managed to break free. She ran towards the front of the home and was chased by the suspect. An adult neighbor across the street saw the suspect chasing the victim and screamed at the suspect to leave the child alone.

After the neighbor yelled, the suspect ran (southbound) away from the child's home and was seen entering and driving away in a 2005 or newer Burgundy Nissan Altima with paper plates reading "Wondries" in black and neon green lettering.

The victim was examined at a local hospital and released.

Anybody with information to this crime is asked to contact Detective Tom Tardif with the Covina Police Department at (626) 384-5623.

The investigation is continuing and at this time, no further information is available.