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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing this letter to ensure that you are fully updated in respect of developments following the assault of a year 7 pupil last week.

On Tuesday 27 September, at around 08:30am, the 11 year old pupil was travelling on a bus from her home. She alighted the bus on Homerton Row and was walking through the Bannister House Estate, Hackney when she became aware of a man walking behind her.

This unknown man grabbed her from behind, despite struggling against his grip; the victim was not able to break free until she bit her attackers hand.

This caused her attacker to release his grip allowing her to run to school and raise the alarm. She was very distressed but fortunately not injured.

An immediate investigation was launched by detectives from Hackney CID to attempt to identify and locate the male responsible.

The pupil was able to provide a detailed description of her attacker and compile an e-fit image. You may have seen this circulated in newspapers and on television over the course of the weekend.

Unfortunately the identity of this male still remains unknown.

Today, Tuesday 4 October 2016 at 08:00 HOURS, was the one-week anniversary of the incident.

Several members of the Investigation team from the Metropolitan Police in company with myself, the Senior Investigating Detective, returned to Bannister House supported by uniform officers to attempt to locate witnesses and engage with the local community.

I must reassure you that there is no evidence to link this man to any other incidents however I require you to remain vigilant and alert. Please report any suspicious or unusual persons to Police immediately.

I am fully aware of your concerns. We have increased patrols in the area of the school and all officers and teachers have been briefed.

I have briefed local secondary schools who will continue to ensure that there is a teacher at the entrance and exit of the school in the morning for when the children arrive and leave at the end of the day.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or my team should you have any information however insignificant you believe it may be. I assure you we will be following up every lead.

My investigation team is working tirelessly to locate this individual.

Regards,

Detective Inspector Paul Ridley
Public Protection/Major Crime
Hackney Borough CID.

Description of the attacker

The suspect is described as a dark skinned black male, aged around 40-years-old; around 6ft tall with a stocky build. He had a spiky beard which was greying and was. He is believed to have a scratch on his left cheek. He may also have a possible bite mark on his hand from where the female bit the male.

At the time of the attack he was wearing a navy blue beanie hat, a zipped up hooded top, black trousers and long jacket to his knees. He had three sovereign style rings on his right hand, on his left hand a sovereign on his little finger, and a normal ring on another finger.



Anyone who recognises the E-fit, or any witnesses or anyone with any information is asked to contact the investigation team at Hackney Borough CID via 101. To give information anonymously contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit crimestoppers-uk.org.



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