

# CRIME ALERT



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To alert the public to crime that has occurred in their area, the Brooklyn Center Police Department is issuing the following crime alert that may affect you. Please read it carefully, and follow the advice that is given. Please share this information with anyone else within the City of Brooklyn Center that you think may be affected.

**Who:** Medium to dark skinned black male in his mid 30's. He is between 5'06"-6'00" tall, clean shaven, crooked teeth, with a wide nose, and a husky build. He was wearing a black sweatshirt and a hat, either a baseball cap or knit cap.

**What:** Sexual Assault

**Where:** 7200 Block of Girard Brooklyn Center

**How:** Officers determined that a suspect broke into the home and sexually assaulted the victim. The suspect fled the scene and has not been located yet.

**Time:** August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:23 AM

A similar incident was reported in 9600 block of Linden Lane Brooklyn Park on August 1, 2013 at 6:45 AM. It is believed that there were two suspects in the Brooklyn Park incident, while only one suspect was reported in the Brooklyn Center incident. The primary suspect in the Brooklyn Park incident was described as a clean shaven black male, approximately 5'06", in his 30's, and a thin but muscular build. That suspect was last seen wearing blue boxers, a white t shirt, and had some type of a blue nylon over his head. No vehicles were seen in connection with either of these incidents.

**Investigators from Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center Police have been working on these cases throughout the day and believe both incidents are linked. Both agencies will continue to work together and are dedicating a significant amount of resources to solve these crimes. Both agencies are seeking the public's help with these cases. If anyone has any information, they are asked to call 911.**

**CRIME TIPS!** Be a good witness. Try to observe, height, hair and eye color, any distinguishing marks/scars, tattoos, vehicle description and direction of travel. Write down everything immediately after an incident has occurred. Your personal safety is first. Do not place yourself in a dangerous situation. Call 911 if you see anything suspicious.

**Local residents should have a heightened awareness of their surroundings and practice the following safety tips:**

- **Have secure locks on all doors and windows; always keep doors locked; install a peephole.**
- **Leave spare keys with a friend, not in accessible places.**
- **Pull down shades or curtains and keep lights on after dark.**
- **Keep hallways, entrances, and garages well-lighted; keep outside lights on all night.**
- **Exercise caution with whomever you let into your home. Ask service people, salespeople, and even police officers to show identification through a peephole or window before opening the door. Whenever possible, call to verify the identification.**
- **Become familiar with people who are in your neighborhood.**
- **If you have an alarm system, use it.**
- **Call 9-1-1 if you see, hear or feel anything suspicious is occurring.**