MEDIA RELEASE

Deputies Seeking Information in Attempted Abduction

May 24, 2019

On Thursday, May 23, 2018, Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies serving the City of Cornelius were notified of an attempted abduction of a 14 year-old female. Staff at Neil Armstrong Middle School contacted deputies after learning that one of their students was grabbed by an unknown male while walking home from school afternoon of Tuesday May 21, 2019.

During the investigation deputies learned that the victim was walking home after getting off a school bus. While walking in the area of North 21st Avenue and North Holladay Street, the victim was grabbed from behind by an unknown male. The victim was able to get away from the male and thankfully is not injured.

The suspect is described as a white or Hispanic male, approximately 5'08" and 200lbs, with black curly hair and a full black beard. He was seen getting into an older white van with a sliding door and tinted windows.

Deputies are asking for the public's assistance in locating the van and identifying the suspect. Anyone with information is asked to call non-emergency dispatch at (503) 629-0111.

