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Detectives Investigating Two Attempted Assaults in Aloha

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On Sunday, September 2, 2018, at 10:30 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a report of an attempted assault near the 5000 block of SW 173rd Ave. in the community of Aloha. An adult female reported that she was walking her dog in the area when an unknown male approached her from behind and grabbed her. The man ran away after the victim began screaming. The suspect is described as a male with tan skin (unknown race), approximately 6' tall, wearing dark clothing and white shoes. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate the suspect. Thankfully, the victim did not sustain any injuries.

Detectives are investigating a similar incident that occurred near SW 192nd Ave. and SW Farmington Rd. on Friday, August 31, 2018, at around 9:00 a.m. In this case, an 11-year-old girl was walking to school when she was approached by a strange male who asked to borrow her cell phone. When the girl refused, the man attempted to grab the girl by the backpack. A passerby yelled at the male, causing him to run away. The suspect in this incident has a similar physical description, but was described as wearing a camouflage hoodie and dark jeans with the word "peace" written down one of the legs and a peace symbol on the knee. The unidentified male was reported to be concealing his face with a yellow bandana covered in peace symbols.

It is unknown whether these incidents are related and the investigation is on-going. Detectives are asking anyone with information about either of these incidents to contact non-emergency dispatch at (503) 629-0111.

