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***** UPDATE: ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION *****

May 12, 2009

1:45 p.m.

A SHORT TIME AGO, THE GIRL ADMITTED TO DETECTIVES THAT SHE MADE THE STORY UP TO AVOID GETTING IN TROUBLE FOR GOING TOO FAR ON HER BIKE.

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CLEARWATER POLICE WARN PARENTS TO BE ALERT AFTER ABDUCTION ATTEMPT

WHO: Suspect Description:
Black Male
Approx. 45-50 years of age
Thin build
Dark complexion
Salt & pepper hair/balding
Wearing glasses
LSW: white shirt, blue jeans
VEHICLE: white van with dark tinted windows.

Victim: 8-year-old female

WHAT: Attempted Abduction

WHEN: May 10, 2009
5:40 p.m.

WHERE: Palmetto Park Apartments
1001 N. Martin Luther King Junior Avenue
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: The victim's family was having a Mother's Day get-together at the Palmetto Park Apartments. While the victim was riding her bicycle in the area, the suspect tried to lure her into his vehicle. The suspect told the victim, that her mother wanted him to take her home. When the victim refused, the suspect began to call her derogatory names. As the victim attempted to leave, the suspect chased her until she was in sight of her relatives.

The suspect then fled the area and a canvass ended with negative results. Clearwater Police warn parents to be watchful and immediately report any suspicious vehicles or people. Anyone with information is asked to call the Clearwater Police Tip Line at 727-562-4422.

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