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News Release

HPD Seeks Help in Identifying Suspect

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On November 4, 2012, at approximately 4:15 pm, the Harrisonburg Police Department took a report of an assault that occurred in the area of the Food Lion Parking lot on Port Republic Road in the City of Harrisonburg. The victim reported that at approximately 1:00 am on the morning of the 4th, the victim was returning to his vehicle in the Food Lion parking lot after leaving a party at off-campus housing. As the victim approached the vehicle, the victim exchanged words with another male and as a result the victim was assaulted. The victim was then transported to the hospital by a friend for non-life threatening injuries.

The suspect in this case is described as a black male, approximately 6'3"-6'5" and weighing approximately 300lbs. The suspect, along with several of his acquaintances, who were not involved in the assault, left the scene in a silver in color late model Ford pickup.

It is believed that alcohol may have played a role in this assault.

Lt. Rush of the Criminal Investigations Division asks anyone who may have seen this assault or who may have information on the suspect or the suspect vehicle to contact the Criminal Investigations Division of the Harrisonburg Police Department at 540-437-2640.

"The Harrisonburg Police Department is aware that there is misinformation circulating about this case and would encourage the community to be hesitant in relying on facts about cases such as this that are not disseminated directly through a law enforcement source," says Lt. Rush.

Anyone with additional information, who wishes to remain anonymous, is asked to call Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text "HPD" plus the tip to CRIMES (274637). Residents can also access information about crimes in your area at www.crimereports.com.