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Barnstable Police Department Press Release  
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Police investigate an assault at beach bathroom

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, at 12:13pm Barnstable Police Officers responded to the Town of Barnstable Hamblin's Pond beach regarding a past assault on a juvenile female in her early teens. The victim was at the town beach with an adult family friend. The victim went to the beach's public restroom. While inside the female restroom she encountered a young adult male. He reportedly brandished a knife and threatened her. He had a bandana partially covering his face. The suspect was described as being a tanned white male or light skinned Hispanic male. The suspect reportedly touched the victim in an inappropriate manner. He told her not to tell anyone or he would hurt her before leaving the restroom. Despite the threat, the victim immediately told her adult family friend. Patrol Officers, Police Investigators and a K-9 Unit responded to the area. The area was searched for the suspect with negative results.

The suspect was reportedly wearing dark clothing and a black baseball hat. The investigation is ongoing. The public is asked to please call Barnstable Police Detective Valeria Hemmilla at 508-778-3818 if you have any information related to this investigation or the identity of the suspect.

For any media member requesting additional information and/or questions regarding this press release please contact Det Lt John Murphy @ [MurphyJ@Barnstablepolice.com](mailto:MurphyJ@Barnstablepolice.com) or at 508-778-3852.