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Rewards Offered for Information about Sexual Assaults

Durham CrimeStoppers is offering rewards for information leading to arrests in three sexual assaults involving teenage female victims. Investigators have not concluded that the incidents are related.

The first case is alleged to have occurred on December 5, 2007 around 11:15 p.m. by the mailboxes in front of Building 5310 at Penrith Apartments on Penrith Drive. An 18-year-old female reported that she was getting ready to open her mailbox when a male grabbed her right arm, pulled her to a nearby grassy area, threw her to the ground and sexually assaulted her. The suspect did not speak during the assault and was last seen running into the woods. The victim was only able to describe the suspect as a tall male.

The second incident is alleged to have happened around 6:30 p.m. on October 13, 2008 behind the garages near the mailboxes at South Terrace at Auburn Apartments, 801 East Woodcroft Parkway. A 16-year-old female reported that she was putting her key in the mailbox when she was attacked from behind, dragged behind the garages and sexually assaulted. The suspect was described as a dark-complected black male, 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 9 inches tall with a muscular, stocky build. The suspect had rough hands and was wearing blue jeans, a black hoodie and a black ski mask that exposed his eyes and lips. He never spoke to the victim during the entire incident.

The third incident is alleged to have happened around 6:30 p.m. on February 16, 2009 in the 1400 block of Seaton Road. The victim reported it several weeks later. A 15-year-old female indicated that she was walking on Seaton Road when she was attacked from behind, dragged to the nearby woods, thrown to the ground and sexually assaulted. The suspect was described as a black male with a medium to dark complexion, 6 feet tall with a stocky build. He was wearing a black ski mask that exposed his eyes and lips, black clothing and gloves. The victim described the suspect's voice as sounding angry.

Anyone with information on any of these cases is asked to call Investigator Burwell at 560-4415, ext. 234 or CrimeStoppers at 683-1200. CrimeStoppers pays cash rewards for information leading to arrests in felony cases and callers never have to identify themselves.

