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Incident: PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSAULT CRIME ALERT

The Plano Police Department would like to advise citizens of numerous assaults that have occurred in the areas of north Plano and Frisco. These incidents may be related and possibly involve the same suspect(s).

On December 6, 2007 at approximately 9:30 p.m., in the 6600 block of West Plano Parkway, a white female was approached from behind, pushed into her open vehicle and sexually assaulted. In the other five incidents, the suspect(s) approached the female victim(s) from behind and made contact by grabbing their genital area.

Since the first sexual assault, five additional assault offenses have been reported between January 5, 2008 and January 19, 2008 and most have occurred in apartment complex parking lots where the female victims were walking to or from their parked vehicles. One incident occurred as a female was jogging along a roadway.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 25-35 years of age, approximately 5' 10" in height, weighing approximately 180 lbs, with short hair.

The Plano Police Department is requesting your assistance in identifying this suspect. If you have any information on the whereabouts of this individual, please contact the Plano Police Department Tip Line at 972-941-2148.

In addition to this Crime Alert, the Plano Police Department would like to offer these safety reminders:

- Stay alert -- keep your mind on your surroundings, who is in front of you and who is behind you.
- Don't get distracted -- if possible have a friend accompany you late at night.
- Walk purposefully and make quick eye contact with people around you.
- Trust your instincts -- avoid vacant lots, alleys or construction areas when walking.
- Do not overburden yourself with packages making it hard to react.
- Have your house or car keys in hand as you approach your home or vehicle.
- If you suspect you are being followed by someone on foot, cross the street and head for the nearest lighted, populated area.
- Watch and report suspicious activity