



Tinley Park Police

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Lane Bryant Homicide Investigation

In an effort to provide you with the most accurate information regarding this investigation, I would like to confirm and clarify some details. As the investigation continues, there is a considerable amount of information and evidence that needs to be evaluated. We want to ensure the public that any information that is important for them to be made aware of will be released as the investigation progresses. I am sure you will understand that some of the information is sensitive to the integrity of the investigation, and must be closely reviewed before release. Our primary objectives will always be the capture of this individual and the consideration to the victims.

Firstly, we can now confirm reports that one of the victims was the target of sexual advances by the offender, in that she was fondled. There was no further sexual contact beyond that.

Secondly, a clearer picture of the offender is coming to light. He is now described as having 3 to 5 "puffy" corn rows that go back from the front of his head, with one strand with green beads hanging over his right cheek. He is also described as being large framed, with weight proportionate to his height. Some reports have erroneously indicated the subject wore a red jacket. That information is incorrect. The subject wore a black jacket, as was indicated in the initial descriptions. I would like to stress, this description is what the offender looked like at the time of the crime on Saturday morning.

We continue to investigate a large number of leads in this case. We continue to request the public to call the *Tip Hotline* at 708-444-5394 with any possible information they may have, regardless of how trivial it may at first seem. We are asking that anyone who was anywhere in the Brookside Marketplace prior to 11 A.M. on Saturday to contact us. As a reminder, Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1000 reward for each victim for information that leads to the arrest the offender. In addition, the *Lane Bryant Company* has offered a \$50,000 reward for the arrest and prosecution of this criminal.

At this time I would like to read a statement written by the surviving victim. I quote:

"On Saturday, February second, an unspeakable tragedy occurred and five of the bravest women I have ever met were senselessly murdered and taken from their families. My deepest sympathies and condolences go out to their families and friends. Please know that during the unfathomable events of that day, their thoughts were focused on you and coming home. My heart aches that they were unable to do so, and I am working with the authorities in any way possible for all of the victims. I ask that the media please respect all of our families and allow us to grieve and cope privately with the horrific crime that ripped our worlds apart. I also ask that everyone respect that neither I nor my family can discuss the horrible events of that day. I thank everybody who has expressed concern and ask that any person who can assist in the investigation contact the authorities immediately".