



## Tinley Park Police Department Media Release

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The Tinley Park Police Department and the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force continue to follow up on leads and information in an effort to make an apprehension in this crime. To date, there have been over 170 tips that have been received on the Tip Hotline, and each one, no matter how seemingly irrelevant it may be, will be thoroughly investigated. Detectives are collecting and reviewing numerous videos collected from security systems around the area. Physical evidence continues to be analyzed by the forensics team, and results are pending.

At the present time, we continue to work with the surviving victim to develop a composite drawing of the person who committed this crime. We intend to develop the most accurate likeness of the offender as possible, and to forward it to the media and the public without delay. We understand this is critical information, and that it is eagerly anticipated. Please keep in mind this takes time.

We continue to ask for the public's help. We are looking for a male African American, approximately 5'10" tall, he is described as being large framed, but with his weight proportionate to his size. He is roughly between 25 and 35 years of age, with a medium complexion. He has 3 to 5 corn rows of hair from the front to the back of his head. These rows are described as being "puffy." There was one braid of hair hanging down over the right side of his face, with four light green beads in the braid. At the time the crime was committed, he was clean shaven, wearing black jeans with some type of rhinestone-type embroidery on the back pocket. He also wore a charcoal gray knit cap, and a black jacket that went below the waist. It is quite possible the appearance of this criminal has changed since last Saturday.

We ask that anyone who may have been in the area of the Brookside Marketplace at between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the Tip Hotline at 708-444-5394. Thank you for your help.

There are over 50 detectives assigned to this case, who have together logged over 2000 investigative hours since last Saturday. Each one of those men and women is dedicated to bringing the murderer to justice. In the Task Force Squad Room, a photograph of each of the six victims in this case is taped to the wall. Everyone involved in this case is working for those six victims, and for their families.

Cmdr. Rick Bruno