

Stanislaus County
**SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT**

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MEDIA RELATIONS



**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DATE 9-22-10
TIME 2:00 PM**

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEEDS COMMUNITY'S HELP IN SOLVING ATTEMPTED
KIDNAPPING**

Ceres, CA – A Ceres girl narrowly escaped what is being criminally classified as an attempted kidnapping on Tuesday evening. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department officials were dispatched to the intersection of Moffett and Turner Roads in Ceres at approximately 8:01 p.m. to reports of a possible assault against a young juvenile. After a brief struggle, the girl was able to ward off her assailant and avoid any further injury; however, the unknown man was not immediately located. Investigators now need the public's assistance in locating the perpetrator.

The adult man was described as Hispanic, approximately 30-40 years old, with a moustache, red t-shirt, black shorts and wearing a blue hat. It was also believed he has a tattoo of some sort on his left hand. He was driving a large, red vehicle believed to be a late 1990's or early 2000's model Lincoln Continental. With the assistance of the Ceres Police Department, deputies canvassed the area in an unsuccessful attempt to locate the suspect's vehicle, which was last seen traveling northbound on Mitchell near its intersection with Redwood.

Witnesses and tipsters are urged to contact Family Crimes Unit Det. Kari Abbey with any information that may help lead to the apprehension of those responsible. She can be reached at 525-7091. Those that wish to remain anonymous may call Stanislaus County Area Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-866-602-7463 or locally at 209-521-4636. For further information regarding this press release please contact Deputy Luke Schwartz (209) 652-0211 (tschwartz@stanislaussheriff.com).