



## ***Public Information Release***

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Captain James Bauman, Public Information Officer

On Thursday morning at about 11:20 am, deputies responded to a North Lakeport residence to investigate a sexual battery.

A 26 year old woman reported that she was walking towards Lakeport on Lakeshore Blvd. near the old Rainbow restaurant at about 9:00 am when a man pulled up in a vehicle and offered her ride to town. She accepted the offer and at her request, the man took her to a local church in Lakeport. She went inside the church for a short time but when she came out, the man was still parked in front of the church. The man talked her into giving her a ride back to her home and again, she accepted the offer.

While driving back towards her home on Lakeshore Blvd., the man started asking the woman intrusive questions and then began taking various turns away from her primary route home. As the man drove around randomly in the area of Crystal Lake Way and Keeling Avenue, he started making sexual comments to the woman. Despite telling the man to cease and either let her out or take her back to the main road, he continued with the comments and began sexually assaulting her. After screaming and pleading with the man to let her out, he eventually stopped and let her out at the 3000 block of Lakeshore Blvd. He then continued southbound on Lakeshore Blvd. The victim went to the first home she could, got a ride back to her home and called 911.

The suspect was unknown to the victim and was described as a heavy set male Hispanic adult in his late 20's or early 30's, unshaven but not to the point of having a beard. He claimed his name was "Roberto" and was wearing a red snow beanie with tassels and blue "Dickie" style pants and shirt. The vehicle he was driving was described only as a dark blue or black Honda Civic.

Anyone with information on the possible identity of the man, or further information on his vehicle, is encouraged to call the Lake County Sheriff's Department.