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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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COURAGEOUS CHILD ESCAPES ABDUCTION

On July 1, 2013 at approximately 1:00 P.M., the Fort Lauderdale Police Department responded to the abduction of a 9 year old child. The incident occurred in the area of Northwest 2nd Street and Northwest 9th Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Investigators have learned that the victim was walking in the area when an unknown male suspect forced her into the rear passenger seat of his vehicle. The suspect then attempted to drive out of the area with the victim. The child endured a brief struggle with the suspect before escaping from the moving vehicle. The child then ran to the nearest safe haven and alerted an adult.

The suspect's vehicle is described as a white, 4-door, 2004 or 2005, Chevy Impala.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Special Victims Unit Detectives have been working around the clock to obtain further details of the suspect and his vehicle.

The suspect is described as a W/M, 5'7"-5'8", weighing approximately 140-150lbs., thin build, with a full beard that is grown in a triangular fashion. The suspect was last seen wearing a light blue t-shirt and dark green pants.

Detectives are seeking assistance from area agencies for any information similar to this incident.

The motive behind the abduction is still under investigation. Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Lisa Cahir at 954-828-5964.

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