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Media Advisory: Santa Fe College Kidnapping

Sheriff's deputies responded to Santa Fe College yesterday evening shortly before 7 p.m. to assist the Santa Fe Police Department with a missing student. The 18-year-old student was reported overdue by family members to the Police Department. Santa Fe College police officers located the victim's vehicle near the gymnasium and began an investigation in an attempt to locate her. They also immediately contacted the Sheriff's Office and requested assistance.

The victim was later located in approximately the 12000 block of NW 39th Avenue after she approached a residence for assistance. During initial interviews with the victim, detectives have learned that the victim was approached in the parking lot by a suspect who was unknown to her and who was armed with a handgun. She was forced into the vehicle by the suspect who then fled the scene. The victim was finally able to escape when the vehicle slowed and she jumped out. She was able to describe the vehicle as a smaller, black-colored pickup with tinted windows and a grey interior.

The initial description of the suspect is a male with a darker-skinned complexion of unknown race, possibly Hispanic or middle eastern. He was wearing a dark hoodie and jeans. He was described as having close-cut hair, an unshaven face and a tattoo on his right hand. The victim continues to work with detectives to come up with additional details.

Anyone with information or that may have seen anything suspicious is asked to call (352)-955-1818 and report it. Callers may also remain anonymous and be eligible to receive a reward up to \$1,000 by calling Crime Stoppers at (352) 372-STOP (7867).

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