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Police Department Investigating Report of Battery on Robert McClory Bike Path

(UPDATED- October 26, 2016, 10:00 a.m.)--- Officers from the Lake Bluff Police Department are investigating a battery that occurred along the Robert McClory Bike Path, adjacent to Sheridan Road on Tuesday evening.

Shortly before 7:00 p.m. a 44 year old female North Chicago resident reported she was jogging along the path north of East Blodgett Avenue when a Hispanic male approached her and pushed her to the ground. The victim was able to scream and frighten off the suspect, who fled east to a pick-up truck on Sheridan Road. The suspect entered the driver's side of the vehicle and fled north on Sheridan Road towards North Chicago

The suspect was described as about 35-40 years of age, 5'7"-5'8" in height, average build, long hair, and possibly wearing a hat and a jacket. Police are asking anyone who may have been in the area to contact the Police Department at 847-234-8760 if they observed anything along Sheridan Road during this time.

The Lake Bluff Police Department will have an increased presence in the area and will be conducting directed patrols on the trail.

Users of the path are urged to take the following steps to protect themselves when using paths and trails:

- *Always stay alert and be aware of your surroundings (Don't wear earphones).*
- *Walk, run or bike with a partner or group.*
- *Let someone know when you are on the trail, your route and when you expect to return.*
- *Walk, run or bike when the path or trail is likely to have a higher volume of foot traffic.*
- *Avoid using paths or trails when it is dark outside*
- *Carry a cell phone.*

Residents are further encouraged to report any suspicious activity by calling 847-234-2151.