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SDPD Investigating Attempt Kidnapping of Child

San Diego – San Diego Police are investigating the attempted kidnapping of a six-year-old at the Mission Valley Mall. On June 18, 2024, at about 1:30 p.m., a mother was walking next to her daughter who was pushing her younger sibling in a stroller on the east side of the Mission Valley Mall. The family walked past a Hispanic man, approximately 40-years-old, 5’10”, 160 pounds with black collar length hair, a beard and glasses. He was wearing a bright “baby blue” shirt, gray pants, and white tennis style shoes.

The man began to follow them before grabbing the six-year-old girl and lifting her off the ground. The man walked a couple of feet in the opposite direction while carrying the girl. The child screamed, causing the man to release her.

The suspect fled on foot westbound through the mall. He is still outstanding. Eastern Division Detectives responded to the scene and have been actively investigating this incident.

Anyone with information about the crime or person involved should contact the San Diego Police Department’s Eastern Division at (858) 495-7900 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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