Media Release

Hamilton Police investigating Indecent Acts in West End

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Hamilton Police want to inform the public that on August 18th, 2014 between the hours of 3:00pm and 5:00pm, there were three incidents of Indecent Acts in the West End area of the City.

In the first occurrence, a woman was walking in the area of Binkley Crescent and Sanders Blvd, when she observed a male standing in the bushes. The male made a comment to the woman to get her attention and he was observed unzipping his pants.

In the second occurrence, a woman was walking north on Leland Street. As she passed the Rail Trail, she heard a man's voice calling out to her. She looked towards the voice and saw a man in the bushes with his shorts down committing an indecent act.

In the final incident, a woman was walking in the area of Forsyth Avenue North, when the woman observed a male standing in the bushes. The male made a comment to the woman to get her attention and was observed to be committing an indecent act.

The suspect in all of these incidents shares the following description:

Male, Caucasian, medium build, 5'10"- 6'0", late 20's – to 30 years of age, brown hair, wearing light khaki shorts and light shirt.

Hamilton Police continue to investigate these incidents and it is believed that there may be witnesses that have seen the suspect. Witnesses are being asked to contact Detective Michelle Moore at (905) 540-5545 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

There is no guaranteed way to prevent a sexual assault. Sharing the details of this assault is intended to provide the community information, and people are encouraged to trust their instincts. For confidential support, please call the Sexual Assault Centre's 24-hour support line at 905-525-4162 or connect at www.sacha.ca, or the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Care Centre at www.hhsc.ca/sadv.

For information on Personal Safety Tips, please visit the Hamilton Police website at <u>www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca</u> under the Crime Prevention tab.

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