

## ARLINGTON POLICE RELEASE COMPOSITE PHOTO IN SEARCH FOR SUSPECT

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walking in the 4200 block of the South Four Mile Run Drive service road, was grabbed from behind by a man who threatened her with a knife. The man forced the woman to walk to a nearby grassy area where he sexually assaulted her.

The more recent attack was an abduction and malicious wounding which occurred in the 1500 block of S. George Mason Drive on February 2, 2007. The 23-year-old victim was walking on the sidewalk when she was grabbed and pulled into the bushes by a man with a knife. The woman fought against her attacker and he fled on foot. The victim was treated at a local hospital for a laceration to the face.

The suspect is described as a medium to dark skinned male, approximately 35 years old, 5'6" to 5'8" tall, 150 to 160 lbs with black hair and a light mustache. He was last seen wearing a dark blue winter jacket and white gloves.

Anyone with information about the man pictured above or either of these cases is asked to contact **Detective Jim Stone at (703) 228-4245 or Detective Gary Gleason at (703) 228-4243.**

### ABINGDON THIRD GRADERS SCORE ABOVE 97% IN ALL AREAS

For the second year in a row, Abingdon Elementary School students scored in the superior range on Virginia's standardized tests called Standards of Learning (SOL). Last year's results were even better than the previous year with third graders scoring 97.1% in English, 97.6% in Math, 97.4% in History, and 97.5% in Science. The previous school year (2004/05), third graders scored 95.3% in English, 97.8% in Math, 97.9% in History, and 93.3% in Science.

The SOLs for Virginia Public Schools express the state's expectations for student learning and achievement. Performance on these tests is used to determine whether a school has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) according to the federal No Child Left Behind Act. For the past two years, Abingdon has met all the benchmarks and made AYP.

In addition to the core subjects of English, math, social studies and science, Abingdon offers extra hands-on classes that help reinforce academic concepts by applying them to real-world projects. Architecture, Communications, Science Lab, and Instrumental Music were added to by eliminating almost all early-release.

To find out more about Abingdon, interested parents and community members can attend one of the school's remaining official orientations: Thursday, March 8 at 12:45 PM to 2:15 PM and Thursday, April 12 at 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

### IS THERE A PLAN TO MOVE THE CAREER CENTER TO WAKEFIELD?

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move is an option.

However, the February 5 briefing materials by the consultant, the Staubach Company, show that the move of the Career Center is an option they are considering. The February 5 materials show that this option was "Added Back/Changed." Briefing materials from the previous meeting, show the Career Center move to Wakefield as "Not Likely/Feasible."

In a move supported and known to Arlington School Board members, Superintendent Robert Smith recently took Wakefield Principal Doris Jackson on a day-trip to a high school in Houston. The Superintendent wanted to show Principal Jackson this school because it combines a career center into the same facility as a high school.

The MSSC is not charged with developing educational arguments for why such a move would be in the best interests of the communities and children involved. It is charged with developing options to finance the unfunded needs to rebuild Wakefield HS, the Career Center, and Jefferson Middle School, all at the same time.

However, the February 5 presentation fails to point out or consider that the new Washington-Lee