Woman seriously sexually assaulted in lane in Aberbargoed

Police have issued a description of the man they wish to speak to in connection with the incident

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A woman has been seriously sexually assaulted on a lane off Bedwellty Road, close to Pant Street in Aberbargoed (Image: Google)
A woman was seriously sexually assaulted in a lane last night.

Detectives at Gwent Police are appealing for information following the attack in the lane off Bedwellty Road, close to Pant Street in Aberbargoed at 7.40pm.

The victim was walking alone when she was approached from behind and sexually assaulted by an unknown man.

She is recovering at home and is being supported by specialist officers.

Police say the offender is in his thirties, around 6ft in height and is of skinny build.

He was wearing dark coloured trousers, a dark jacket and black trainers which had a distinctive orange sole.

Following the assault, the offender is thought to have run off towards the Commercial Street area of Aberbargoed.

Detectives are investigating and are appealing for information from anyone who may have seen anything that could help with the investigation.

Detective chief inspector Mark Pope, who is leading the investigation, said: “I have a dedicated team of detectives working on this investigation and we will do everything we can to support the victim and try to identify who is responsible for this.

“If you were in the area at this time and saw anything suspicious, please do get in touch. If anyone has any CCTV or dash cam footage for this area at the time of the incident, please contact us. Your information could prove vital to helping with our investigations.”

The force has offered the following advice to people following the incident:

• Let someone know where you’re going and for how long you’re planning to be out.

• Take your phone out with you and make sure you have your battery charged.

• If you’re walking alone, plan your route beforehand, taking into account whether it will be a busy or well-lit area.

• If you feel uncomfortable, or at risk, look for a place of safety, such as a shop or anywhere where there are other people and tell someone your concerns.

• Be aware of your surroundings - concentrate on what and who is around you and don’t get distracted by your mobile phone.

You can also send a direct message to the Gwent Police Facebook or Twitter social media pages if you have any information. Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**UPDATE:** On Monday, March 11, Gwent police said they had concluded their enquiries and they are "no longer investigating" and no further action would be taken.

A spokeswoman said: "Reports of this nature are taken extremely seriously by Gwent Police but, on this occasion, after undertaking a detailed investigation we will not be taking any further action at this time."