On December 11th at approximately 5:55 am, East Precinct officers responded to a call of a sexual assault in a parking garage located in the 600 Block of Broadway Avenue. Officers arrived and contacted the female victim, who stated that she had been attacked by an unknown male sometime between 5:30 and 5:45 am. The suspect is described as an unknown age dark skinned black male, 6’ tall, with a muscular build. He was wearing a grey sweatshirt (hoodie) with the hood up. He was also wearing a dark ski mask and black, lace up boots. The suspect implied that he had a gun. The suspect then fled the area after the attack.

The victim was transported to the hospital where she is receiving medical treatment. Detectives from the Sexual Assault Unit and the CSI Unit responded to the scene to investigate and search for evidence. This is an active and on-going investigation. If/when any surveillance footage or a suspect sketch becomes available, we will release this material publicly.

While there is nothing that the victim could have done differently to prevent this crime, we ask citizen to continue to be aware of their surroundings at all times, to be aware of their surroundings and to trust their instincts. If a situations doesn’t seem right, remove yourself from it immediately. Report ALL suspicious activity to 911. For additional personal safety measures, please visit our Safety and Prevention page at seattle.gov/police.

SPD Says Rape Near Seattle University Didn’t Happen

By Jonah Spangenthal-Lee 12/16/2009 at 12:00pm

According to police, a woman’s claim that she was sexually assaulted in a parking garage near the Seattle University campus was unfounded:

After further investigation, detectives have concluded that the December 11th rape did not occur. Detectives believe that the victim suffers from medical issues and will not be pursuing any further charges.

Police: Woman made up rape allegation
SEATTLE -- Seattle police say a woman who told investigators she was raped in a parking garage near Seattle University made the story up.

The woman told investigators last week that she was in the garage in the 600 block of Broadway Avenue early Friday morning when a man who said he had a gun attacked and raped her.

The woman was checked out at a hospital while investigators searched the parking garage for evidence.

In a post on their Web site, police officials said they now believe the rape did not occur.

"Detectives believe that the victim suffers from medical issues and will not be pursuing any further charges," the statement said.