



# **Fresno County Sheriff's Office**

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## **News Release**

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## **Detectives Search for Suspects Who Kidnapped 13 Year Old Girl**

Fresno County Sheriff's Office detectives are investigating a kidnapping case and need the public's help locating the suspects' car. It is described as a late 90s silver BMW. It has tinted windows and possible body damage, including a rear taillight that is cracked in half.

Around 3:15 pm on Tuesday, a 13 year old girl returned to her home near E. Shepherd and Academy Ave. in Clovis. A group of young men, possibly as many as four, were on the outside of the house and approached her before she went inside. The suspects, who wore masks, grabbed the girl, stripped her backpack away and then forced her into their BMW car. They drove her approximately 20 miles away to the area of Sycamore Road and Coyote Drive in Tollhouse. The suspects took the teenager out of the car, punched and kicked her and then fled the area in their car. The girl was able to walk for a little over a mile and find help from a homeowner in the area. Around 4:30 pm, the homeowner called the Sheriff's Office. Deputies and paramedics contacted the girl and arranged for her to be transported to a local hospital for medical treatment. Doctors expect her to make a full recovery.

This is an ongoing investigation. A motive for this kidnapping is unknown. The victim does not know any of her attackers.

Anyone with additional information on this case should call the Fresno County Sheriff's Office at (559) 600-3111 or Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-STOP (7687). You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a \$1,000 cash reward.

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