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UW Madison Police Department Sketch Artist Assist La Crosse Police Identify Suspect in Attempted Abduction

Madison, Wisconsin- On October 14th, 2011, the La Crosse Police Department investigated an attempted abduction in the City of La Crosse. La Crosse Police officials determined that a police sketch artist would be able to assist in their investigation and utilized the Wisconsin Association for Identification database to contact Police Officer Truli Nielsen of the UW Madison Police Department to assist.

Through mutual aid, Officer Nielsen was able to assist the La Crosse Police Department by interviewing the victim and completing a composite drawing of the possible suspect. The composite was distributed to officers of the La Crosse Police Department to use as a tool to identify a possible suspect.

On the morning of October 17, 2011, a La Crosse School Resource Officer observed a suspicious vehicle near Logan Middle School. The officer obtained the license plate number and passed the information along to investigators. Investigators were able to obtain a photograph of the registered owner of the vehicle, Edward L Mathews, and saw that there was a striking resemblance to the composite completed by Officer Nielsen.

Mathews was later arrested by La Crosse Police Department investigators and is being held on charges of Child Enticement While Armed. Mathews may also face charges of Attempted 1st Degree Sexual Assault. La Crosse Police officials stated that Officer Nielsen's composite played a significant role in identifying this subject.

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