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Sheriff's Office Investigating Random Assaul ts in Pickerington's Violet Meadows Neighborhood

[Lancaster, Ohio, September 25, 2014] The Fairfield County Sheriffs Office is asking the public to help them identify a suspect who assaulted two women in the Violet Meadows subdivision in the last two months.

In July and September of this year two incidents occurred in Violet Meadows where each time a man approached a female from behind, placed his arms around her, and attempted to pick her up to carry her away. Each time the victim was able to get away and the subject fled the area. It is believed the subject had a darker skin tone, possibly African-American or Hispanic, approximately 5'10" and 150 pounds.

"Deputies responded to the areas each time and conducted a thorough search, but was unable to locate anyone at that time," stated Sheriff Dave Phalen.

Sheriff Phalen reminds residents to be alert and report any suspicious activity to the Fairfield County Sheriffs Office at 740-652-7911.