



# TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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On 10/19/2018 at approximately 3:23 p.m. the Tarpon Springs Police Department received a 911 call from 41522 US 19 N (Crossfit) regarding an employee that was outside in the parking lot and had been stabbed.

A 16 year old employee of Crossfit was out by the business's truck in the parking lot when a H/M described as younger possibly in his 20's exited a newer style beige SUV and came up behind the 16 year old grabbing him by the shorts and searching for items, while making a comment regarding giving him what he had.

At this point the victim turned and the suspect began to swing a knife at the victim, stabbing the victim in the upper right chest area. The victim fell to the ground but was able to get up and runaway back towards and into the business. The suspect jumped back into the drivers seat of the vehicle and fled towards US 19.

The victim was taken to Hospital via ambulance for what appeared to be a non-life threatening stab wound.

Detectives are actively investigating this incident as an attempted strong armed robbery and aggravated battery, if anyone has information regarding this case please contact Tarpon Springs Police Department Detectives at (727)938-2849.

  
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