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# NEWS RELEASE

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Subject: **UNSUCCESSFUL CHILD ABDUCTION**

On Monday morning, July 20, 2009 at approximately 10:30 A.M., two women and three children were visiting Ponderosa Park in the 2100 block of south Haster Street in Anaheim. A 3 year-old child was playing on the slide in the playground area with his 11 year-old sister and 12 year-old cousin as their mothers watched over them. As the 3 year-old child slid down the slide, a male ran to the slide, grabbed the child and ran northbound through the park while holding the child. The aunt and cousin immediately began chasing the suspect and child. When the suspect reached the sidewalk on the north side of the park, the 12 year-old cousin caught up to the suspect and kicked him in the leg and threw dirt in his face, causing the suspect to drop the child onto the sidewalk. The suspect then ran away northbound across Orangewood Avenue without the child. He then ran westbound on Orangewood Avenue across Haster Street where the witnesses lost sight of the suspect. When the suspect began running immediately after grabbing the child, a second male then immediately ran following them.

The victim child did not sustain serious harm in this incident. The Anaheim Police Department is asking for the public's help in locating the suspects.

Suspect #1: Male, white/caucasian or a light skinned hispanic. Height: 5'8" - 6'0. Weight is approximately 160 pounds, described as having a thin build. He has a circle-shaped tattoo (similar to an Aztec Calendar or a sun) on his neck. He has tattoos on both arms. The "f-word" (fuck) was possibly tattooed vertically down his left forearm. At the time, he was wearing a black t-shirt, blue denim trousers and white tennis shoes.

Suspect #2: Male, white/caucasian. Height: 5'8"-5'10". thin build. He was seen wearing a brown baseball hat.

Anyone with information is asked to call detectives at (714) 765-1679.