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**SDPD Investigates Kidnapping of Child**

**San Diego** – San Diego Police investigators are asking for the community’s help in connection with a kidnapping that was reported last night. On January 24th, around 2:00 p.m., a 9-year-old girl was at Shoal Creek Drive and Stoney Gate Place waiting for her mother to pick her up from school. The child was reportedly approached by a man who told her to follow him. When the child refused, the man grabbed her by the wrist and dragged her. She broke free and ran to safety.

The suspect is described as possibly Hispanic, 5’11”, with a slim build. He was wearing a face mask. He was wearing dark pants, black shoes, and may have had a backpack. The victim reported that the man smelled strongly of alcohol.

Detectives are investigating this case and are asking anyone with information to contact SDPD or Crime Stoppers.

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