

Police investigate jogging incidents

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Gothenburg police chief Randy Olson encourages residents to be aware of their surroundings after an early-morning incident on July 24.

Olson said a woman jogger reported that a man approached her while she was jogging and exposed himself.

The incident occurred around 7:30 a.m. in the 1800 block of Lake Avenue, he said.

About an half-hour earlier, Cozad police were notified of man who accosted a woman runner in Cozad in the area of 19th and O Streets.

The woman told police that the man approached from behind and made physical contact with his hands.

Officials said she screamed and escaped.

The subject is described as a white male in his 20s, tanned and 5'10", between 170 and 200 pounds, with brown hair and wearing white board shorts, a gray T-shirt with cut-off sleeves and basketball-type shoes. He has a tattoo on his left bicep area.

Olson said runners or walkers should have someone go with them.

"Always take a cell phone and, if listening to music, use only one earphone," he said. "Trust your instincts and always err on the side of caution."

Anyone with information about the incidents is asked to contact the Gothenburg Police

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Department at 537-3608, the Cozad Police Department at 308-784-2366 or Dawson Gosper Crime Stoppers at 308-784-1234 or 866-652-7383.

Tips can also be texted anonymously by starting the message with “tip707,” entering the tip message and sending it to “CRIMES” (274637).