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## Sussex Police Appeal for Witnesses Following Alleged Attempted Rape Near North Street

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Brighton Sussex Police have launched a thorough investigation after a serious incident was reported in the early hours of Sunday, June 29. A bus driver alerted authorities after a woman claimed that a man attempted to rape her in an alleyway near North Street.

The bus was at Old Steine shortly after midnight, around 12:10 a.m., when a man boarded but soon left the area. Concerned by the woman's account, the driver immediately reported the incident to police.

Detective Inspector Alice Button, who is leading the investigation, emphasised the force's commitment to addressing such allegations with the utmost seriousness. "We are actively

investigating this report and are appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident, or who can identify the individual shown in the CCTV footage, to come forward,” she said. “We are also seeking to trace the woman involved and encourage her to contact us so that we can provide the appropriate support.”

Sussex Police have released a CCTV image of a man they wish to speak with in connection with the incident. The force is asking the public to review the image carefully and provide any information that could assist the investigation.

Members of the public with relevant information are encouraged to report it online via the Sussex Police website or by calling 101, quoting reference number 22 of 29/06. All information will be treated sensitively and confidentially.

This incident has understandably raised concerns about public safety in Brighton city centre, particularly in nightlife areas. Sussex Police continue to maintain a visible presence and are working closely with local businesses and community groups to ensure ongoing safety.

Victims of sexual violence are reminded that confidential support services are available, and guidance is provided on the Sussex Police website to assist those affected.

Detective Inspector Button added: “We urge anyone with information to come forward. Your assistance is vital to our investigation and to maintaining the safety of the community.”