

Fairfax Girl, 9, Abducted

A man abducted a 9-year-old Fairfax County girl Monday, beat her and forced her to commit sexual acts during an hour of captivity, county police reported yesterday.

They said they are investigating the possibility the incident is related to last month's disappearance of 10-year-old Patricia Ann Moore, who was last seen walking along a road in Clifton four miles from Monday's assault.

About 25 police combed the site of the assault, a wooded area at Braddock Road and Rte. 123, for possible clues to Patricia's disappearance July 15. The 9-year-old was taken there, police said, after she was forced into a car on Braddock Road near Wakefield Chapel Road, near King's Park.

Police yesterday issued this account of Monday's events:

About 2 p.m., the girl, her 11-year-old playmate were walking from a playground when a man in a light-colored sedan stopped his car. He told the boys he was looking for a lost dog and asked them if they would look for the dog in a nearby woods.

As the boys disappeared into the trees, the man allegedly forced the girl into the back seat of his car, blindfolded her and strapped her in with a seat belt. Then he drove three miles to a remote area by some power lines near Braddock and Ox Roads, stopped the car and forced the little girl to submit to unnatural sex acts. Then he beat her about the face and pushed her into the underbrush.

After he fled, the girl hysterical, ran to a nearby house where police were called. The girl's injuries were not considered serious.

Later, police searched through the woods in an attempt to locate any clues indicating that the Moore girl had been taken to the same area. They said they found none.

Patricia was last seen by her parents on July 15 when she left her home to meet a playmate a half-mile away at Clifton Road and Maple Branch Road. After an intensive search that included the efforts of 300 soldiers from Ft. Belvoir, police called off the hunt and declared that the girl was probably the victim of an abduction.

A \$3,000 reward has been posted for information leading to the whereabouts of Patricia Moore or for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an assailant.