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APD Warns Citizens of Aggressive Panhandler

ABILENE, TX – Recently, several citizens in the downtown area have reportedly been approached by a male subject described as a Black male, thin build and possibly homeless. This male is very aggressive towards the people he approaches, mainly women who are often by themselves, asking for money or food.

This suspect approached at least two females on October 16th in downtown Abilene at different times and aggressively asked for money and food before trapping one female in an elevator. She feared for her well-being and the suspect eventually left the building once a male citizen came near.

This suspect in these incidents was identified as Jean Ndatbaye. He has a history with APD and has been cited and arrested for Aggressive Panhandling and Soliciting in the Rodway, among other offenses over the past few months. He is possibly targeting the downtown and the Judge Ely areas. Citizens should be aware. Ndatbaye faces Aggressive Panhandling charge and possibly a Class A Misdemeanor Assault charge for the latest incident.

If approached by Ndatbaye, or other aggressive panhandlers, citizens should first try to avoid any contact. If walking to and from your place of employment, try and find someone to walk with. Call 9-1-1 if approached by an aggressive panhandler and you are in fear for your safety.

The City's Solicitation Ordinance under article IV addresses Aggressive Panhandling and the consequences. A person charged with Aggressive Panhandling faces a fine of up to \$500 dollars and a charge of Class C Misdemeanor.



(Previous arrest)

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