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20 teens swarm Richmond man: Young father was taking a shortcut after buying milk for his baby

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RICHMOND - A Polish immigrant who was walking through Minoru Park late Wednesday night after getting milk for his five-day-old baby was attacked by a swarm of about 20 Asian teenagers, Richmond RCMP said Thursday.

He received a broken nose but no life-threatening injuries.

The 28-year-old was taking a shortcut home through the park when the teenagers ran toward him and started yelling, beating, and kicking him, said Richmond RCMP spokesman Peter Thiessen.

The man, father of three young children, begged them to stop because he is a new father, but he feels they were frightened off after seeing blood, according to the RCMP.

Thiessen didn't know the location of the swarming, but the RCMP news release said there were indications a large group of people had been drinking around a lake fountain that is known to be a teenage hangout.

The victim is frightened for his family's safety, police said.

"They are really concerned for their safety," Thiessen said. "They're very scared. They don't want it known where they live.

"They don't necessarily want their picture made public because they are concerned something more may come of this."

City of Richmond spokeswoman Sandy Webster said the timing of the attack was unfortunate because extra security for the park, scheduled between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m., was to start Thursday for the summer season.

Thiessen ruled out robbery or drugs as a motive. "This kind of incident can be described as nothing less than a bunch of cowards seizing an opportunity to jump an individual that was doing nothing more than walking home from getting some milk for his newborn baby that's five days old," he said. "I would suggest that any one of them by themselves, wouldn't have attempted to assault this gentleman. But they get into this pack of 20, the testosterone starts going, and they seem to think that they can go and do whatever they want to whomever they want."

Richmond resident Kelvin Yeung, 29, biking Thursday near the site of the attack, agreed teenage bravado likely played a role in the incident.

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