Directions: Read the passage below to better understand the vocabulary words.

Vocabulary Words

abduct

stalking

witness

confront

offender

spectrum

remanded

tarnish

depict

ransom

allegedly

veteran

lure

vigilant

patrol

Hint: When learning new terms, look for context clues to help determine the meaning. If the sentence you find the word in is not helpful, keep reading to see if it can be understood.

Explaining the Abduction: Police Version

The suspect **allegedly** had been **stalking** the **veteran** nurse for over a month prior to the attack. His goal had been to **abduct** the woman and hold her for **ransom**. One **witness** to him standing outside the hospital had tried to **confront** him to see if he needed help, but he ran away.

The **offender** was said to be acting injured in order to **lure** his victim nearby to grab her. Everyone is asked to be **vigilant** in the area to watch for him and the police will send **patrol** cars around often. Once caught, the suspect will be **remanded** to lock-up without bail because he has already tried to run.

When a report like this is written, it is not to **tarnish** someone and **depict** them as a criminal, but to provide the facts that are available at the moment. This can run the **spectrum** from someone losing a credit card to murder and everything in between. The police are required to handle things a certain way until the truth is discovered.