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Date: September 5, 2013
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Contact: Officer Joseph Nichols
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Subject: Suspicious Person

The Oshkosh Police Department is investigating the report of a subject who attempted to entice a child into a vehicle in the 1100 block of W. 7th Avenue on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 prior to school.

The child said that as he was walking to school a tan four door vehicle stopped and the male driver asked the child if he needed a ride to school. The child ignored the driver and the driver left the area. The child did not know the male driver.

The male driver is described as black with short black hair and rectangular glasses. The male driver was further described as being about 50 years old and had wrinkled skin. The vehicle was described as a large 4 door tan in color.

The Oshkosh Police Department continues the investigation.

If anyone has information on this subject, they are encouraged to contact the Oshkosh Police Department at (920) 236-5700.

The Oshkosh Police Department encourages parents to talk to their children about personal safety and what to do if someone attempts to entice their child into a vehicle or any other circumstance that makes the child feel uncomfortable.

Here are some safety tips from the National Crime Prevention Council to talk to your children about:

Help children recognize the warning signs of suspicious behavior, such as when an adult asks them to disobey their parents or do something without permission, asks them to keep a secret, asks children for help, or makes them feel uncomfortable in any way. Also tell your children that an adult should never ask a child for help, and if an adult does ask for their help, teach them to find a trusted adult right away to tell what happened.

You should also talk to your children about how they should handle dangerous situations. One way is to teach them "No, Go, Yell, Tell." If in a dangerous situations, kids should say no, run away, yell as loud as they can, and tell a trusted adult what happened right away. Make sure

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that your children know that it is okay to say no to an adult in a dangerous situation and to yell to keep them safe, even if they are indoors.

Make it a rule that your child must ask permission from a parent to go anywhere, with anyone at any time. If the child cannot check, the answer is no.

Point out safe places to go for your child. When you are walking with your child to school, point out the places that your child can go for safety.

Teach children to trust their instincts. If they feel uneasy, as though there are butterflies in their stomach, tell them to run to a safe place and tell a trusted adult.

Teach your child to be assertive. If a stranger asks for help or asks for your child to go with them, tell your child it is ok to say no.

If you have questions about child safety, please contact the Crime Prevention Office at (920) 236-5742.

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