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Date: September 11, 2013
Time: 7:30 A.M.
Contact: Officer Joseph Nichols
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Subject: Suspicious Person

The Oshkosh Police Department is investigating the report of a male subject that grabbed an 11 year-old on the shoulder after she exited the city bus in the area of Rosalia St. and Winnebago Ave. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 just before 4 pm.

The 11 year-old female said she was walking in the 1100 block of Winnebago Ave after she got off the bus at Rosalia St. and Winnebago Ave. She noticed a darker complexioned man following her. The male came up behind her and grabbed and squeezed her shoulder before the 11 year-old hit his arm away and ran for home. The male walked back toward Rosalia St. and went south.

The mother of the 11 year-old reported the incident to Oshkosh Police at about 4:00 pm on Tuesday, September 10, 2013. The Oshkosh Police Department checked the area after the report, but did not locate anyone. Neighbors contacted by police in the area stated that they did not see the male, nor the incident.

The male subject was described as being 5'8"-6' tall, with short dark hair, a dark mustache and goatee, approximately 40-50 years of age and was wearing dark sunglasses, a gray shirt and black pants. The male subject may have been Hispanic.

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:

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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 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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