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Date: October 7, 2013
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Contact: Officer Joseph Nichols
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Subject: Suspicious Person – Attempted Child Enticement

The Oshkosh Police Department is investigating the report of a male subject that attempted to entice 3 children into a vehicle in the 1000 block of Weisbrod St. on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at about 5pm.

The children were playing in front of the house when a male, who was driving a 90's model Chevy Beretta maroon in color with rust on the bottom portion of the vehicle and black bumpers, stopped in front of the house and told the kids to get in the car and he would take them to grandma's house. The children's mother noticed the car outside and the driver talking to the children. As the mother went to see what the driver wanted, the car drove off and made a turn onto eastbound W. 10th Ave.

The male driver was described as older, heavy set, with bald spot on the top of his head and gray/brown long hair on the sides.

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.

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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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