



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4941

Type of Incident: Suspicious incident
Location: 16th and Salem Street
Date/time: 11/08/2011 0700-0730 hrs
Case no: 11-8318

Incident summary:

On 11/08/2011 at 1800 hrs, Chico Police received a call from a parent reporting that her child had been approached by an suspicious adult on his way to school that morning. An Officer responded and interviewed a 12 year old male who reported the following: The 12 year old reported that between 0700-0730 hrs that morning, he was riding his bicycle to school. In the area of W. 16th and Salem Street, an adult male in a white sedan pulled to the curb and asked the child to get into his vehicle. He told the child that he would give him some candy if he did so. The child declined and continued on his way. The male in the white vehicle did not follow him.

The suspect's description is as follows:

White male adult, 40 to 50 years old, medium build with a grayish hair and a long grayish beard or goatee. He was wearing a black sweatshirt and a black beanie cap.

The vehicle:

A white sedan with a black bra on the front and some black areas around the rear bumper.

After taking this report, Chico PD became aware of a similar incident reported to the Butte County Sheriff's Department on 11/4/2011. In that case, a female 6th grader walking to Chapman Elementary School at about 0800 hrs reported that a man standing near the roadway in the 1400 block of Guill Street had offered the girl candy if she would follow him. She declined and reported the incident to school officials. Her description of the subject was essentially the same as that of the 11/08 incident.

Police are increasing patrols in the areas of the schools and encourage parents to be alert for suspicious persons or activities.

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