

MEDIA RELEASE

UPDATE: Child Luring Case Determined to be Unfounded

February 9, 2022

On Tuesday, February 8, 2022, deputies from the Washington County Sheriff's Office determined the identities of two individuals involved in what was first believed to be an attempted child luring case. Deputies received a call from a community member after they learned of the initial media release on February 5, 2022. Upon further investigation, deputies discovered two juveniles were the ones who had contacted the 11-year-old child and thought it would be funny to offer the child candy.

The juveniles have been identified, and there is no danger to the public. Additionally, this incident is not related to the incidents in the City of Forest Grove on January 31, 2022.

Deputies would like to thank the community for their help in this case.

Deputies Seeking Information After Man Tries to Lure Child into Car with Candy

February 5, 2022

On Friday, February 4, 2022, at 2:50 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a report of an attempted kidnapping near NW Meacham Road and NW Murtaugh Road in unincorporated North Plains. An area resident reported that her 11-year-old child was walking from a school bus stop near the intersection when a man pulled up and offered the child candy while encouraging him to get in the vehicle. The child did not get in the car and ran to safety.

The vehicle involved is believed to be a newer model bright blue BMW sedan, possibly an X6 model, with Oregon license plates. The driver is described a male with brown hair. A passenger is described as wearing a red and white checkered head scarf.

Investigators believe the event may be related to a similar incident that happened in the City of Forest Grove on January 31, 2022.

Deputies will be providing extra patrols in residential areas before and after school. Anyone with information or who sees anything suspicious is encouraged to call 911 or non-emergency at (503) 629-0111.

We would like to remind the community to talk with their children about strangers and to develop safety strategies. For more information, please visit the [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#).



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