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LCSO Continues to Investigate Suspicious Incidents Reported by Leon County School Students

As previously reported the Leon County Sheriff's Office has been investigating two recent reports from children in reference to criminal and suspicious incidents while walking to a school bus stop or while walking to school. Today, Leon County Sheriff's Deputies received two additional reports from school children in reference to unknown subjects who attempted to offer a ride or engage in conversation.

According to a 12yoa female she was walking to school Wednesday morning at approximately 9:10AM, in the area of Miccosukee Road and Marion Avenue, when a vehicle pulled up next to her and an unknown subject said "come here". The child did not look at the driver, ran away and reported this incident to the Cobb Middle School Resource Deputy. The child reported the vehicle may have been a grey Dodger Charger.

In another incident reported today to the Montford Middle School Resource Deputy, a 14yoa female stated that on Wednesday morning, between 8:35AM and 8:50AM, she walking to her bus stop in the area of Tim Tam Trail and Whirlaway Trail when an unknown subject asked if she needed or wanted a ride. When the child refused the unknown subject asked again and again the teen refused, after which the subject left the area. The subject is described as a white male, late 20's, black spiked hair and wearing sunglasses. The subject was driving a dark blue mini van with tinted windows.

An analysis of these incidents, and the incidents reported to the Leon County Sheriff's yesterday, has revealed some commonalities. Each reported incident occurred as children were walking alone to school or a school bus stop. Each reported incident occurred in the morning hours between 8:35AM and 9:00AM. In three of the incidents the unknown subjects did not use force and asked the children if they needed or wanted a ride. In addition, two the incidents involved a dark blue van with a white male driver, in his late 20's with dark "spiked" hair.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office is conducting a thorough investigation of each of these reported incidents and has shared this information with Leon County Schools, the Tallahassee Police Department and other local and state law enforcement agencies. Deputies have increased patrols in the area around schools and are monitoring bus stops. These patrols are being conducted in marked and un-marked vehicles. Anybody that may have any information about these incidents or recognizes the description of any of the subjects is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300

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