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Leon County Sheriff's Deputies Continue to Monitor School Bus Stops and Areas Where Children Walk to School

After receiving reports from children encountering suspicious or criminal activity while walking to school or school bus stops, Deputies increased patrols and surveillance of these areas. Leon County Schools and local media have assisted law enforcement with providing safety tips and instructions to parents and children on how to respond to a number of scenarios which may be encountered when children are approached by strangers.

Today a 17yoa high school student reported this morning between 6:15AM and 6:30AM she was walking in the area of Holton Street and Saxon Street, on the way to her school bus stop, when a vehicle stopped next to her. The driver asked if she needed a ride and when the teen refused, the subject left the area. When the student arrived at her bus stop she told a 16yoa classmate what had occurred. This classmate reported she encountered a similar incident this morning during which possibly the same subject attempted to engage her in a conversation. The 16yoa did not stop to talk to the stranger and when she began to use her cell phone, the subject left the area. This student did not look at the driver and was only able to provide a limited description of the subject's vehicle as a grey truck. The 17yoa described the driver as a white male, 40-50yoa, heavy set wearing a grey shirt and a black watch. The subject was driving an unknown make or model grey truck.

Sheriff Campbell said "as our efforts to keep the public aware of suspicious activity encountered by children in our community, we anticipate more information of this nature to be reported to law enforcement. This valuable information will be used by Detectives and School Resource Deputies to follow-up on investigative leads, formulate crime prevention strategies and will be shared with Leon County Schools and other law enforcement agencies."

Anybody that may have any information about these incidents is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300.

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