

# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## RELEASE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION



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### Community Advisory

The Leon County Sheriff's Office has received many calls from citizens concerned about e-mails or rumors about an abduction or attempted abduction of a female jogging in the area of the Killearn Lakes Neighborhood. These rumors have been investigated and it has been determined that there has been no abduction or attempted abduction of a woman jogging in Killearn Lakes. It is believed these rumors stem from an incident which occurred last Thursday. A female in the Summerbrook Neighborhood simultaneously encountered an unknown person on a bicycle and a slow traveling blue SUV as she jogged alone on Preservation Road. The person on the bicycle abruptly cut her off almost causing the woman to fall. The cyclist asked the woman if she had seen his lost cat and peddled away, as the vehicle slowly left the area. There was no physical contact between the cyclist and the jogger; however, these circumstances did make the jogger feel concerned for her safety and she reported this information to law enforcement. A short time later law enforcement received another report of a suspicious blue van driving slowly in the area. The cyclist and the vehicle were not located.

Whenever a citizen feels concerned for their safety or have encountered or witnessed suspicious activity, they are encouraged to contact law enforcement so an evaluation of the circumstances can be made and documented. Many crimes are solved each day as the result of citizens reporting suspicious activity. Recently there have been a series of reported suspicious incidents in Tallahassee/Leon County. In most cases these reports involve a stranger approaching a child and attempting to engage in conversation or asking them if they want a ride. Whenever the Leon County Sheriff's Office receives reports of this nature, an investigation and evaluation of the circumstances is conducted. Information from citizens assists law enforcement by providing leads which may reveal additional information about the circumstances of each incident so that an assessment can be made as to the nature of these events.

As your local law enforcement agencies have proactively provided this information, the public has responded positively by providing increased information as to suspicious activity. This information is a valuable tool for law enforcement as we track and investigate possible criminal activity in Tallahassee/Leon County. Citizens are encouraged to continue to report suspicious events and to talk with their children about not talking to strangers and personal safety.

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