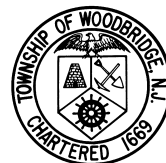


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WOODBRIIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATES POSSIBLE CHILD LURING IN COLONIA SECTION OF WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

7 Year-Old Boy Allegedly Approached by Adult Male Seeking a Lost Puppy

Woodbridge - The Woodbridge Township Police Department (WPD) is actively investigating a possible child-luring incident that allegedly occurred on Tues., July 1 along Predmore Avenue, near Lynn Crest School #22, in the Colonia section of Woodbridge Township.

According to the Woodbridge Police Department, the mother of a 7 year-old boy reported that the child was approached by a white male in a silver car who asked the child if he had seen a lost puppy. The child immediately ran from the area, returned to day camp at School 22, and reported the encounter to camp counselors and to his mother who had arrived to pick-up her son. The suspect is described as a white male in his late teens or early twenties, with "spiky" hair.

The WPD Juvenile Aid Bureau opened an investigation and issued a Suspicious Circumstance/Luring Report which is provided to Middlesex County police agencies and which contains a description of the suspect and vehicle.

The Woodbridge Township Police Department, Juvenile Aid Bureau, continues to investigate a similar child-luring incident reported on June 14 in the Colonia section of Woodbridge Township. In that incident, an 8 year-old female reported that a white male driving a black mini-van approached her as she was walking near her home, got out of the van, and asked the child if she wanted a puppy that was in the back of the van. The victim ran from the suspect and reported the incident to her parents and to the WPD. The suspect in the June 14 encounter is described as a white male, approximately 5' 5" in height, black hair and was wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans. The vehicle is described as a late model, black mini-van (unknown make, model and type). The incident remains under ongoing investigation by the WPD Juvenile Aid Bureau.

Colonia-area residents, or anyone with information that might aid in the investigation, should contact the Woodbridge Police Department at 732-634-7700. Det. Lt. Joseph Nisky and Det. Abdulsaleem Hasan (732-602-7311) are assigned to the investigation(s).

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