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HPD Investigates Suspicious Activity

On December 5, 2016, the Harrisonburg Police Department received a report of suspicious activity involving an elementary school student who was approached by unknown individuals as the student walked home after school. The individuals attempted several times to speak with the student and asked if the student wanted to get into the vehicle they were driving. The vehicle was described as a blue Chevrolet Trailblazer SUV and was seen in the area of Myers Ave. and Franklin St. The student did not enter the vehicle and a concerned crossing guard who was working in the area assisted the student to arrive home safely.

At this time the HPD has not received additional reports of recent similar activity. The HPD and the Harrisonburg City Public Schools have taken extra precautions to ensure the safety of students after this incident. This is an active case and the HPD is investigating leads, but additional information will not be released at this time. The HPD wants to remind parents to have conversations with their children about the importance of not talking to unknown individuals and to refrain from getting into vehicles with persons unknown to them.

The Harrisonburg Police Department requests that anyone with information pertaining to this case contact the Major Crimes Unit at (540) 437-2640. Callers can provide anonymous tips at CrimeSolvers: 540-574-5050 or text "HPD" plus the tip to CRIMES (274637). Witnesses are reminded that CrimeSolvers may award monetary compensation for providing pertinent information regarding this or other criminal investigations.