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PRESS RELEASE: Possible Luring

The Washington Township Police Department Detective Bureau is investigating two separate incidents of possible luring that occurred within the past week. The first incident occurred on 10/8/15 at approximately 3P.M. on Ridgewood Road Extension in the Twp. A juvenile female reported the incident to a parent approximately two hours after the incident occurred. The juvenile stated an older white male with grey hair in a tan van stopped and asked her if she needed a ride and then left the area. No further description of the actor or vehicle was provided. The juvenile was alone at the time of the incident and walking along the roadway.

The second incident occurred on 10/14/15 at approximately 6 P.M. in the area of Jackson Avenue in the Twp. A juvenile male in football attire who was riding his bike to practice stated an older white male in a green Chevy Malibu with a cracked passenger side window stopped his vehicle to speak with him. The juvenile reported the male asked him where the school was to which the juvenile replied "what school?" The juvenile explained where the school was and the driver asked him if he needed a ride. He replied "no" and the driver left the area. A witness to the incident reported the vehicle headed towards a field located on the west side of town. A football game and practice were taking place that evening at Memorial Field.

The Township Police Department Detective Bureau is currently investigating both incidents and would like any witnesses or anyone who has knowledge or information of other suspicious incidents similar in nature to contact the Detective Bureau.

Township Police Department urges all residents to report any suspicious activity in a timely manner.

The Township of Washington is located in the northern portion of Bergen County, which is in the far northeastern corner of New Jersey, 15 miles northwest of New York City. The Washington Twp. Police Department was established by ordinance in April 1934, and expanded, along with the town, in the 1950's. Presently, the Township of Washington has approximately 10,000 residents who are protected by 20 full-time sworn police officers, under the direction of Police Chief Glenn Hooper. **Community policing initiatives and educational outreach throughout the community are among the top priorities for the department's organizational focus.**