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Child Abduction Attempt at Bonham Elementary

ABILENE, TX – On September 29, 2015, at 3:31pm, the Abilene Police Department received a call of an attempted kidnapping near Bonham Elementary. The School Resource Officer (SRO), along with detectives from the Special Victims Unit responded to investigate.

The initial report from the child, a 2nd grader at Bonham, indicated a suspect approached the child as she was walking home from school. The suspect exited a vehicle and grabbed the child. The child broke free and the suspect fled the area. The child was walking east on South 7th near the Bonham Campus when this incident occurred.

The suspect is described as a black male, wearing a black hoodie, black pants, tan boots, 5'10" to 6'00" tall, approximately 200 lbs. The suspect was also described as having ink on the inside of one of his hands. The suspect was a passenger in a compact maroon 4dr car (similar to a Ford Fusion) with a dent in the rear passenger door.

The child ran to the home of family members in the area, notified them of the incident, who in turn notified the police department.

The SRO responded to the location of the child while detectives from SVU began a canvass of the area.

AISD was notified of the incident as well and has been working alongside APD from the start.

On the morning of September 30th, plainclothes personnel with APD were present at Bonham as they were this afternoon. AISD Personnel have been fully briefed on the situation and are assisting in keeping watch over the campus.

Detectives conducted a second canvass of the area this morning. The child was also forensically interviewed this morning at the Child Advocacy Center.

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Police resources were immediately deployed to the scene and additional resources were deployed today, both before and after school. AISD personnel were fully briefed and joined with us in watching over the campus. All campuses within the city limits of Abilene have been notified of this incident, including Wylie. AISD has also sent a recorded message to parents within the district.

Child Safety Tips

To parents:

- Talk to your child about their safety.
- Know the route your child takes to and from school.
- Know what your child wears every day and have current photos with a physical description.
- Don't leave a child waiting to be picked up or alone in a vehicle.
- Have your child "check in" (phone/text) with you regularly.
- Children need to know:
- Never enter a car or building with someone you don't know unless your parent personally tells you to do so.
- Never walk up to persons or vehicles you don't know.
- Adults ask other adults for help, not children.
- It's ok to scream for help if you are afraid.
- It's ok to fight and run from anyone trying to hurt you.
- Walk with a friend(s) whenever possible.
- Walk on a well-traveled path; avoid shortcuts.
- Secrets should be shared with your parents.