

BERGENFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASE-INVESTIGATION

October 23, 2012 at 1130 hrs

INCIDENT: Suspicious Incident: possible luring attempt

OCCURRED: Monday October 22, 2012 between 6:15 pm and 6:40 pm

LOCATION: area of W. Broad St and Fairview Ave

The Bergenfield Police are investigating a report by a 12 year-old male that a suspicious incident occurred to him on Monday October 22 involving a male in a pick up truck.

The juvenile male reported he was walking home from a friend's house at approx 6:15 pm, on W Broad St. near Fairview Ave, when a pick up truck, described as a Toyota, late-model with white-colored fenders, a mint-green driverside door, a red-colored pick up bed with rusty sections, black-color on the hood which did not appear to belong to that type truck model as he could see part of the engine, drove up to him and the driver, a white male, age late 50's, gray hair on sides of head, balding, possibly wearing fake white-colored mustache, offered him money to get in his truck. The juvenile said "no" to the driver and ran from vehicle. The juvenile male stated he felt he was followed by the driver in the truck down Fairview Ave and he ran into a backyard. He waited until he saw the truck pass by, which it did, and then watched the truck turn onto S Prospect Ave going northbound.

The juvenile ran home and advised his aunt who contacted the Bergenfield Police to report the incident. Officers checked through the area where it was reported to have occurred and broadcast a radio message to all surrounding jurisdictions with the description of the vehicle. A Juvenile Bureau detective interviewed the male juvenile who, when shown composite artist sketches from similar incidents reported around the Bergen County area, picked out the sketch of a male from a case in Westwood NJ occurring October 18.

The juvenile further described the male driver as wearing a red and black plaid shirt with a tear in the front and having cracked or missing teeth.

The juvenile was not physically touched nor did he sustain any injuries from this incident. The Bergenfield Police Detective Bureau is continuing to investigate the matter. Notification was made to Bergenfield Schools. Detectives are seeking information from anyone who might have been in that area at the reported time, or who resides in that area and might have seen something suspicious. Additionally, detectives are asking anyone who resides in those areas who have any video surveillance around their residences to please check for any suspicious vehicles or persons matching the description given and contact the Bergenfield Police.

Bergenfield Police had been alerted prior with all information pertaining to similar incidents reported in surrounding jurisdictions such as New Milford, and other jurisdictions in Bergen County and remain vigilant on patrol. The Police Department also presents an annual "Dangerous Stranger" program to the pre-schools and kindergarten classes at all area schools.

The Bergenfield Police are actively investigating the matter at this time.

Chief. M. Carr