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24th and Patterson – Woman Reports Man Tried to Persuade Her to Get into His Vehicle
Incident Number 15-021709

On Wednesday, January 28, at 5:20 p.m., a woman called 9-1-1 to report a troubling encounter with a male who tried to talk her into his vehicle, then got mad when she refused.

She reported the male, was pulling out of a day care parking lot in the area near 24th and Patterson, when he stopped and approached the caller and asked if he could give her a ride. She didn’t know him and refused. She reported that he then started yelling at her.

The man is described as a black male, in his late 20s to early 30s, 6-feet tall, with a thin build and shaved head. The vehicle description is a dark green sedan.

GENERAL PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times
- Do not get into someone’s car even if they display a weapon. It is better to fight back in the street where help is closer at hand and other people may hear your calls for help.
- Walk confidently and don’t avoid eye contact
- Don’t let strangers into your ‘space.’ Keep plenty of distance between yourself and people you don’t wish to approach you.
- Don’t stop to talk with strangers asking for directions or other types of help as this can be a ploy to get close for an attack.
- If you feel you are in danger or being followed, call 9-1-1
  - If grabbed, fight back and make as much noise as possible.
- Use the buddy system when walking after dark. You should know the person you are walking with well enough to trust them.
- Walk in lighted areas as much as possible and don’t walk too close to bushes, alleyways or other places where attackers can conceal themselves

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