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Unknown Man Exhibiting Suspicious Behavior Around Female Teens

On April 2 and again on April 4, a male driver, who appears to be in his 50s, was seen watching a 16-year-old female in the 2100 block of Onyx Street. He was driving a truck with a bed liner, that has slight damage to the rear passenger side. The truck is a gold, 1996 Ford F150 4x4, license plate WYX846. The driver is described as a white male, 40-50 years-old, with a medium build, and straight, brown, chin-length hair. The vehicle has shown up at the same time on both days, around the same time the juvenile walks home from school. Based on the report it sounds like he has been watching her for a while.

Due to this behavior, police are asking people to be cautious, and especially for juvenile females to be aware of their surroundings and call 9-1-1 if they observe this vehicle or suspect.

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