

WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



CRIME ALERT

Western Springs, IL – October 22, 2018

The Western Springs Police Department would like to inform our residents and schools about an incident that occurred on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at approximately 3:40 p.m. This incident involved a suspicious person occupying a vehicle approaching two children on the 4200 block of Lawn Ave. in Western Springs.

The reported incident involved an older model light blue sedan, with a tan top, that had rust on the passenger side doors with unknown registration. The two witnesses described the driver as a white male in his sixties, who was bald on the top of his head with white hair on the sides of his head. According to the witnesses, the unidentified male reached over the passenger side of the vehicle holding what appeared to be a brown paper package. The unknown subject then asked, "Want some lollipops?" The subject left the area traveling southbound on Lawn Ave.

Police verified there was no actual or attempted physical contact made with any of the children. Several responding police units checked the area but were unable to locate the suspicious vehicle. The investigation into this incident remains ongoing.

Here are a few safety tips to discuss with your children:

- Children should always obtain parent's permission before going anywhere.
- Children should never go near someone in a car or truck and should run the other way towards other people if possible.
- Cute animals and candy are just two tricks used by strangers in order to get near a child.
- Children should always obtain parent's permission before accepting money or a gift.
- Children should be instructed to walk with a group. There is safety in numbers.

Residents are asked to be extra observant and to report any and all suspicious vehicles, individuals, or activity to the Western Springs Police Department by either dialing 9-1-1 or 708-246-8540. If you have any questions, please contact the Western Springs Police Department.

Police will be increasing patrols, focusing on school areas during the drop off and pick up hours.