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Date: May 3, 2016 Complaint Number: 16-121207 Type of Incident: Suspicious Situation Location: Parkbrook & Division S.E., Gaines Township Detective: Jason Russo Supervisor Approval: Lt. Ron Gates

The Kent County Sheriff's Office is investigating a suspicious situation that occurred near Parkbrook and Division in Gaines Township. A 10 year old female said she was waiting for the school bus at approximately 7:40 AM when she decided to play in a nearby creek. She said a middle aged male wearing a mask approached her and forced her into a white pick-up truck with a "cover."

She said the male drove her around for about an hour before she was able to escape from the vehicle near the McDonald's on 68<sup>th</sup> Street and 131 and run home. Our dispatch received a phone call from the mother at 9:24 AM.

Investigators are reviewing surveillance cameras and interviewing the victim at the Children's Assessment Center.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Kent County Sheriff's Office at 616-632-6125 or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.