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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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

UPDATE

May 3, 2016, at 2 p.m. – After further investigation, the victim admitted that she made up the story because she did not want to get in trouble for missing the bus.

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 68th 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.