

## **Urbandale Police Department Media Release**

**Effective:** 06-25-08

**Cancel:** 06-26-08

**Topic:** Series of Related Suspicious Incidents and Sexual Assaults Against Children

On Wednesday 06-25-08, at approximately 1:30 P.M., the Urbandale Police Department received a report that two 15-year-old Urbandale girls were followed from the Lion's Park area to a residence located in the 4400 block of 73<sup>rd</sup> Pl. The suspect vehicle was described as being a newer shiny black vehicle, possibly similar to a Toyota Avalon. The driver and sole occupant of the suspect vehicle was described as being a white male with dark hair, similar to the composite shown in recent press releases and media coverage.

The suspect in this case did not speak to or approach the two girls, but it was apparent from his actions that he was intentionally following them. The Urbandale Police Department does not want to create a public panic, but wants to make sure that the public is diligent in maintaining a watchful eye for this suspect vehicle and driver. Residents should take every precaution in assuring that their children are under the direct supervision of a trusted adult or large group when commuting throughout the city.

If a young person believes that they are being followed or are actually approached by a stranger, they should run away and seek safety first and foremost. They should call 911 immediately and attempt to recall as much suspect information as possible without compromising their own personal safety.

The Urbandale Police Department is asking anyone with any information about this incident or who was in the area of Lions Park and may have seen the suspect vehicle to contact the Urbandale Police at 222-3321 or Polk County Crime Stoppers at 223-1400.

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