

# MEDIA RELEASE

## Deputies Encourage Parents To Talk With Children About Stranger Awareness

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Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies encourage parents to talk with children about stranger awareness while walking to and from school or while being out over the holiday weekend trick or treating.

Yesterday, around 4:00 p.m., a student from Mountainview Middle School was walking home through Champions Park located at 5835 SW 170 Avenue in the community of Aloha. A white Ford work Van, possibly an Econoline Ford Van, drove by the student, stopped, then asked the student if they wanted a ride home.

The student did not know the two occupants in the van and immediately ran towards adults in the area. The van drove off and was not located.

The student described the driver and passenger of the van as two white males wearing the same clothes - yellow Carhartt style overalls with black hoodies underneath them. The driver had dark brown hair with a black beard and a British accent. The passenger was described as having brown hair with a black beard.

If you have any information on the two males, please call non-emergency dispatch at (503) 629-0111.

Deputies recommend that parents have open communication with their children on what they should do if confronted with a similar situation. Additionally, deputies encourage parents and their children to have a family code word in place if a child is presented with someone trying to give them a ride. If the individual offering a child a ride does not know the family code word, the child should not get in the person's vehicle no matter who the person is.



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