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**Reported Child Enticement is Unfounded**

**JOHNSTON, Iowa** – On Friday morning, December 21 at approximately 8:07 a.m., the Johnston Police Department received a report of an adult male attempting to lure a juvenile into a vehicle near Summit Middle School. Officers and investigators were immediately dispatched to the scene for follow-up. Detectives conducted a neighborhood canvas of the area approaching several residents who had a doorbell and in-home security camera systems. With cooperation from the public and Summit Middle School officials, investigators were able to develop a suspect vehicle and eventually a person of interest. This individual was located and interviewed by detectives a short time later. After this interview, the reporting party was re-interviewed, and a final determination has been reached that this incident as originally reported cannot be corroborated.

The student involved in this incident was fearful of their safety and did the correct thing in fleeing from the immediate area and reporting the perceived threat to an adult. The adult then contacted police immediately which allowed officials to be dispatched to the area and work quickly to resolve this community concern.

The Johnston Police Department would like to thank the public and Johnston Schools for their cooperation and patience as this incident was being thoroughly investigated. Throughout the investigation, communication was maintained with Johnston Community School District officials as to any perceived or ongoing threats to student safety. Ultimately, in this instance, no credible threat to the student's well-being has occurred.

The Johnston Police Department wishes to remind community members to take all reported threats seriously and, "if you see something, say something."

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