



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Case No. 14-16025

On September 17, 2014 at 5:39 p.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety was dispatched to the 6100 block of Independence for a suspicious incident. The responding officer learned that an 11-year-old child and a couple of friends, who were playing outside, were contacted by a subject driving a Chrysler 300. The driver and only occupant of the vehicle asked the children if they would like some candy and made a hand motion, waving the children towards the car. When the children ignored the unknown subject, he left the area without further incident. The male driver made no attempt to exit his vehicle during the incident.

The vehicle involved was described as a newer, black Chrysler 300 with tinted windows. The driver was described as a skinny white male in his 30's, with short brown hair and thin mustache. He was wearing all black clothes and sunglasses.

### **UPDATE – October 2, 2014**

The Portage Department of Public Safety is thankful for the assistance from the media and the public during this investigation. After detectives interviewed the children again, it was determined that the incident did not happen as originally reported. The children reported that the person never made a reference to candy, nor did he ever speak to them.

The subject and vehicle involved in this incident were located, and the subject was interviewed about the incident. The subject's story matched the second story from the children. The subject stated that he did motion to the children; however, that motion was for them to get out of the street.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, [www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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