



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: April 23, 2015/ 3:15 p.m. **LOCATION:** 700 Block of California St

TOPIC: Child Annoying **CASE NUMBER:** 15S-03422

INFORMATION:

On Thursday April 23, 2015 at approximately 3:15 p.m. the below depicted suspect, while in a vehicle, contacted a 16 year old female walking in the 700 block of California St. Initially the suspect asked the female for directions. Then the suspect continued to follow the female a short distance and then asked her for her name and phone number. The female ignored the suspect and continued to walk away. The suspect still continued to follow the female in his vehicle and contacted her a third time and tried to lure the female closer to his vehicle. The female refused and walked away from the suspect and out of the area. The female was not injured.

The female arrived safely at home and the Santa Cruz Police Department was called approximately 5 hours after the incident. The female described the suspect as:

Suspect: a male, 23-25 years old, either Asian or light skinned African American, 130-135 pounds, black medium length shaggy hair, brown eyes, and no facial hair. The suspect was wearing a gray sweatshirt and kahki pants. A sketch of the suspect is provided below.

Suspect vehicle description: black newer model, two-door vehicle, with tinted windows, black wheels and rims. The vehicle had silver lining around the windows.

Victim: 16 year old female.

The Santa Cruz Police Department is working in collaboration with the Santa Cruz City School District. The Santa Cruz City School District is reinforcing with their students how to handle these types of situations and remain safe. They also are reminding students to immediately contact a school official, law enforcement or a parent and report such incidents. The Santa Cruz Police Department has increased it's presence in the area by adding resources to patrol the area.

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