



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Media Release



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To: Media and Public
From: Lieutenant Juan Zamora
Subject: Sahuarita Police Officers Investigate False Claim of Kidnapping Attempt

On Tuesday, September 13th, at approximately 12:20 p.m., SPD officers received a report of an attempted kidnapping. It was initially reported that an 8-year-old juvenile near Anza Trail School was grabbed by an adult male connected to a particular vehicle. Multiple SPD officers responded to the scene and arrived within minutes.

The juvenile and school staff were interviewed. Security camera recordings from the school and a doorbell camera recording from a nearby home were promptly reviewed by investigating officers. Discrepancies in the juvenile's claims were found. The juvenile ultimately admitted to officers that he/she fabricated the attempt kidnapping claim so that he/she would not get in trouble for leaving school grounds without permission.

At this time, the juvenile will not be charged with false reporting of a crime to law enforcement. SPD does not divulge the identity of juveniles involved in investigations.

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