Subject: Suspicious Incident
Date of Release: October 15, 2020
Time of Release: 9:30 p.m.
Media Contact: Lieutenant Steve Bodine
Email Address of Contact: steve.bodine@sdsheriff.org
Telephone Number of Contact: (619) 956-4000
Provider of Information (if different): Sergeant Joseph Jarjura

SYNOPSIS:

Take a good look at the minivan in the above photo. Its driver is suspected of following a nine-year-old boy in East County.

The incident was reported to the Santee Sheriff’s Station on Thursday, October 15th, but the incident happened on Wednesday, October 14th just before 5:00 p.m.
The boy told deputies he was walking alone on Trailridge Avenue when the driver asked him to get into the van and go to a community pool with him. The boy refused and walked away. The driver left the scene.

The boy described the driver as a white man between 18 and 20 years old with short black hair. He was last seen wearing a light-colored t-shirt. A woman might have been in the passenger seat, but there is no description at this time.

Surveillance video in the area at the time of the incident captured a black four-door minivan, possibly a Dodge caravan with tinted windows and black rims.

Anyone with information is urged to call the Sheriff’s Department at (858) 565-5200.

The Sheriff’s Department would like to remind the public to remain alert at all times when out for a walk:

Always pay attention to your surroundings
Walk with a friend or family member
For your safety, avoid outdoor activities at night