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STATEMENT REGARDING EDEN PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION

Eden Prairie, Minn. — At approximately 8:56 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, Eden Prairie Police received a report of a suspicious incident in the parking lot at Grace Church (9301 Eden Prairie Rd.).

The report stated that at 8:00 p.m. an 11 year-old female said she was approached in the parking lot at Grace Church by an unknown male in a vehicle who claimed to have been instructed by her mother to pick her up. The child did not go with him and told her parents about the incident when they arrived.

Eden Prairie Police are aware of an e-mail currently circulating among Eden Prairie residents regarding the incident. This email contains unconfirmed information about a suspect description.

Because this is an ongoing investigation, no further details are available at this time; however, the Police Department has increased patrols around schools and local churches to monitor activity when children are present. In addition, Eden Prairie Police encourage parents to review age appropriate stranger awareness information with children of all ages, encouraging them to report any suspicious behavior to a trusted adult.

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