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## PRESS RELEASE

On 10/24/15, between approximately 11:00 a.m. and 12:20 p.m., an unknown Hispanic male attempted to abduct a three year old boy who was playing outside a business called Razor Sharp Edge located at 221 North Florida Street in Bushnell, Florida. The boy's father advised he was working at the business while his three children played outside when a concerned citizen contacted him and said there was a suspicious vehicle parked near the business. The citizen told the father there was a Hispanic male sitting in a truck watching his children play. The citizen further advised the unknown subject had parked his vehicle in several different locations to watch the children.

At approximately 12:20 p.m., the boy's sister contacted her father in a panic and said the Hispanic male was hiding in some bushes behind the business. The father went outside to confront the male, at which time the subject ran from the bushes and around some buildings to a nearby truck.

Contact with the boy revealed the unknown male approached him when he was playing and said, "come on, let's go, get in," while standing near his vehicle. At that point, the boy screamed "leave me alone" and ran away to find his sister.

The subject is described as a Hispanic male who was wearing dark colored clothing. The father was unable to obtain a tag, but described the vehicle as a two tone tan on the bottom/green on top, four-door Dodge Ram pickup truck with dual exhaust and tinted windows.

If anyone has information on this case contact Detective Jim Smothers, (352) 569-1609, or CRIMELINE at 1800-423-TIPS (8477)



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