

# Police, parents to meet following school incident

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Livonia police plan to meet with parents in the Clarenceville School District to quell fears and answer questions that surfaced Friday over an incident involving a suspicious man near an elementary school.

In the incident, Livonia police questioned and then released around 8:40 a.m. a man that parents reported loitering near Bolsoford Elementary School, 19515 Lathers.

"We stopped a car and questioned a man, but no crime had been committed so we released him," said Livonia police Lt. Michael Murray.

However, the parents' concerns apparently escalated when school principal Jesse Baker notified them via a letter sent home with students that the man stopped by police had a record involving child molestation.

Baker said he got the information from police. "Since nothing happened this morning, the police were not able to make an arrest," Baker wrote in the letter.

THE PARENTS alerted the local media about the incident. Police confirmed that a man had been questioned and released, but declined to comment further. "We can't confirm or discount" that the man had a previous

record, said Sgt. James Garred Monday.

Garred said police are now working with Baker to set up a meeting with parents to answer their questions. A tentative meeting has been set for Oct. 26.

"We want to meet with them as quickly as possible," Garred said. "We need to tell them our policies and procedures over incidents of this type."

Murray confirmed Monday that police had questioned and released a 30-year-old man in a car near the school who matched the description given in telephone tips to police.

An area homeowner said several parents watched the man sit in his car at Lathers and Clarita for more than half an hour.

The parents apparently noted the car's description and license plate number, and called police when the car began to slowly drive by students walking to school on Lathers.

"Police responded quickly and apprehended the man," Baker wrote in his letter.

BAKER PRAISED both the parents who called and the children involved, who stayed away from the car.

"We commend the students who stayed away from a strange car and a stranger in the car," Baker wrote. "We are proud of the parents who got descriptions of the man and car so that the police could respond rapidly."

## Clarenceville

The district includes parts of Livonia, Redford and Farmington Hills.

In his letter, Baker gave a description of both the car and its driver. He described the car as a brown 1979 Chevrolet Caprice with a light top.

In the letter, Baker urged parents to "take the time this weekend to talk to your child and emphasize the importance of staying away from strangers."

"Remind your child to always travel to and from school in groups and to go directly home after school. If you observe anyone suspicious in your neighborhood, please try to get the best description you can so that the police can assist us quickly."

Baker said he gave a description of the car to parents because he would rather have youngsters be wary of one particular car than every car that drives by.

During the incident, Baker said his students behaved just as they have been taught. "The school is next to a city park and they're used to seeing cars come and go," he said. "We've taught them to stay away from strange cars and people."

# FAAC sponsors posters to fight substance abuse

October is Substance Abuse Awareness Month. In support of the cause, the Farmington Area Advisory Council has sponsored a series of hard-hitting posters against drunk driving.

Betty Arnold, FAAC executive director, said, "Abusive alcohol use, like drinking and driving, is still accepted by some as part of the norm in our society. Our campaign offers a different approach to this problem by showing the more severe penalties for drunk driving in various other countries."

"In El Salvador, for instance, death by a firing squad can result from a drunk driving offense. Hopefully, people will see the posters and evaluate their own alcohol use patterns."

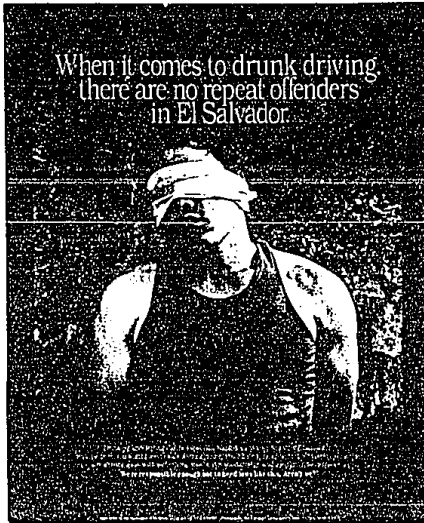
As the posters state, "We're responsible enough not to need laws like this... aren't we?"

ARNOLD GAVE special thanks to Miller Printing, E-Type, the Bettman Archive and photographer Ron Estrada, who donated their time and services, and to art director Kelly Gayer and writer Tim O'Donnell, who came up with the concepts and made the campaign possible.

Farmington Area Advisory Council is a non-profit organization that has served families in the Farmington area and surrounding communities since 1970.

FAAC programs offer a comprehensive approach to problems related to the abuse of chemical substances. Services range from education and early intervention through outpatient treatment and rehabilitation.

FAAC is supported by Farmington and Farmington Hills and the United Way of Southeastern Michigan.



This is one of the drunk driving posters that the Farmington Area Advisory Council is making available to the public.

The posters, to be distributed regionally and run on a voluntary basis in local newspapers, are available at

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