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## CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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Caldwell Detectives are investigating a child enticement that occurred yesterday just after 1 p.m. This is the third enticement case in one week. Yesterday's incident (Oct. 17) happened at Groveton Street and Ashton Avenue. The child reported that two Hispanic males followed her while she was walking home from the bus stop. They were driving in an unknown model grey-colored pickup truck. She reported these same two males followed her earlier in the week.

On October 12, the males followed her and attempted to speak to her. The men were driving a white mini-van with tinted windows that day. On both occasions, the males drove away after she had the awareness to use her phone and call her sister.

The third incident occurred on October 15 at N. Indiana and Roosevelt. The car was red with tinted windows, the model is not known. The man is described as Hispanic and 30-40 years old. *Link to previous release*: 22848 (cityofcaldwell.org)

The Caldwell Police Department is continuing to investigate these incidents. If you have any information, or see vehicles matching these descriptions in the area, please call 208-343-COPS or non-emergency dispatch at 208-454-7531. Never approach any suspect/suspect vehicle.

Parents/guardians, please remind children of the following safety tips: 1. Never get in the car with a stranger. 2. Tell an adult if approached by a stranger. 3. If possible, walk in groups and not alone.

"Please be vigilant. If you see something, say something. The safety of our children is the cornerstone of our profession, so we will continue to be resolute in our effort to identify and arrest these predators," said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.