

Orangetown PD has shared the following information to the community regarding a child luring investigation conducted by the Old Tappan Police Department:

New Jersey State Police Detective Sergeant Dennis Cappello, of the Forensic Photography and Composite Artist Unit, is assisting the Old Tappan Police Department with a child luring investigation.

On Tuesday, September 24, the suspect pictured in the composite sketch attempted to lure a 13-year-old boy while he was walking home from school. The man, who was in a dark-colored sedan, attempted to initiate a conversation with the boy about the Yankees. The boy immediately ran away and called his parents.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 40's with dark hair, dark sunglasses and a goatee.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Old Tappan Police Department at 201-664-1221.



OPD further shares the following safety tips with the community:

Help protect your children by talking to them about strangers.

Teach them to:

- Never accept candy or gifts from a stranger.
- Never go anywhere with a stranger, even if it sounds like fun.
- Run away and scream if someone follows them or tries to force them into a car.
- Say no to anyone who tries to make them do something you've said is wrong or touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Always tell you if another trusted adult or stranger asks them to keep secrets from you.
- Always ask permission from a parent to leave the house, yard, or play area or to go into someone's home.

Keep these other tips in mind:

- Children should know their name, address, phone number including area code. Discuss what to do if they get lost in a public place or store. Remind them that they should never go to the parking lot to look for you.
- Point out the homes of friends around the neighborhood where your kids can go in case of trouble.
- Be sure your kids know whose cars they may ride in and whose they may not. Teach them to move away from any car that pulls up beside them and is driven by a stranger, even if that person looks lost or confused.

Remind children that if they are approached by a stranger to say, "NO! Get Away!" and tell someone they trust. Assure them it is OK to yell if they feel uncomfortable.