

SAFETY

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WHITTIER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Whittier Police Department would like to make you aware of the following child-safety related incidents that have recently been reported:

On February 5, 2013, a 17-year-old female pedestrian reported that a male driving a red 2-door sedan with a tan top contacted her and asked her if she needed a ride. This occurred in the area of Broadway Park.

On February 5, 2013, a witness observed a male driving a red 2-door sedan with a tan top have a loud conversation with two juvenile female pedestrians. This occurred in the area of Central Park. The two females did not report the incident and have not been located or identified.

On February 21, 2013, an 11-year-old female pedestrian reported being forcefully placed inside a 2-door red sedan with a tan top by a male suspect wearing a ski-mask. She said she also saw another female, approximately 7 years old in the back seat. The 11-year-old reported that the suspect then walked across the street and spoke on a cell phone inside the park, and she along with the 7-year-old were able to escape. The 7-year-old has not been located or identified.

The common suspect description for the above incidents is that of a male Hispanic, 25-35 years of age, 5'11"-6', medium to heavy build, having short black hair, with a tattoo of three dots on his left hand. A sketch of the suspect was released to the public.



On March 5, 2013, a 12-year-old male victim reported being forcefully taken from a swing at Parnell Park. His two brothers fought with the attacker and caused him to flee. The suspect was described as a male Hispanic, 30-40 years of age, 5'-8", stocky build, unshaven, with a scar on his right check. **At this time, the suspect in the Parnell Park incident does not appear to be the same suspect from the incidents involving the red sedan.**

On March 6, 2013 a registered sex offender was arrested for kidnapping in Uptown Whittier, in an incident involving an 18-year-old female. The two met earlier in the day and spent several hours together in the Uptown area. **The suspect arrested in this incident is not connected to the red sedan or Parnell Park incidents.**

Parents are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity or persons to the police department at 562-567-9200.