



## Press Release

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**Date:** 2-5-13

**Subject:** Suspicious Vehicle

On 2-5-13 the Joplin Police Department received a report of a suspicious vehicle around Royal Heights Elementary School via Facebook. The Investigations Bureau began following up on the incident. The report indicated that a male had driven up to the fence outside the school and tried to coax a student into an unknown make and model, orange truck. Detectives contacted the family of the nine year old girl and school officials in order to try to piece together the events.

Detectives continue working with school officials to investigate the case and track down the suspect.

**Suspect description:**

White Male unknown age

Short brown curly hair

Scar or burn on his face and tattoos on both forearms

Wearing blue jeans and tennis shoes

Driving an orange truck (unknown make and model).

**UPDATE:**

The orange truck that police had been looking for has been located. The driver has been interviewed along with several other witnesses. No arrests have been made. Detectives are continuing to investigate to determine exactly what occurred outside the school the day of the incident.

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