

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office obtained a copy of the following letter from Lisa M. Phillips who is Director of Schools for the Highlands Ranch Feeder Area of the Douglas County School District, from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. Reports have been made of more than one attempt of this suspect to persuade young boys to come with him in the van. Please be aware of this situation and exercise caution.

Dear Colleagues,

Some of you received a report earlier this week about a man in a white van approaching children and coaxing them to get in the car. This evening Gina Smith, the principal at Acres Green, reported that one of her students was approached by the man today at lunchtime. The van pulled up by the playground, rolled down the window and tried to get the 3rd grader to get in the van. He refused and ran away, and the van left. The boy did not tell his mother until this evening. The mother called the sheriff around 7:00PM. Dan Clemente and Communications have been notified but I thought you would need to know this ASAP so you can be vigilant this morning when children arrive at school.

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