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INFORMATION RELEASE

DATE & TIME **01/06/10 5:03 PM**

Bureau: **Investigative Services Bureau**

Authorized Supervisor: **Deputy Chief Greg Lindmark**

Phone: **816/967-6976**

Incident: **Suspicious Incident**

MESSAGE

Officers and Detectives from the Rockford Police Dept. are investigating a suspicious incident that occurred on the morning of Wednesday, 01/06/09, shortly after 8:00 a.m. near the intersection of Halsted Rd. and Searles Ave.

At about 8:09 hours a passerby, who was travelling Eastbound on Halsted Rd., noticed a black larger SUV (similar to a Chevrolet Suburban), parked on the South side of the street. The witness saw a black male subject get out of the SUV and approach a black male child on the sidewalk. The subject was seen grabbing the child and forcing him into the rear passenger side of the SUV. An SUV with a similar description was later seen travelling Southbound on Rockton Ave. from Halsted Rd.

The exact nature of the interaction between the adult and child is unknown at this time. Officials from Rockford School District 205 are working in conjunction with investigators to check bus routes and attendance records in an attempt to indentify the child. At this time there has been no confirmation of any child or student who is unaccounted for.

Based on the information gathered to this point, the following descriptions have been developed:

DRIVER: **Black Male in his 30's with a heavy build**
 Dark Complexion with a Thin Beard
 Chicago Bears Jacket and a Chicago Bears Hat

CHILD: **Black Male between 6 & 8 years old**
 Black Hooded Jacket and Blue Jeans
 Carrying a Red & Orange "Kung Fu Panda" Backpack

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Rockford Police Dept. immediately (987-5824).