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On Wednesday, February 22nd, our officers had contact with a 12 year old girl who reported a troubling situation.

Late in the afternoon on Wednesday 2/22/17, she was walking in the area of 50th and Belinder when a white male driving a red, possibly Dodge Dakota standard cab pickup truck, pulled up next to her and asked her "what are you doing?" The male then asked her twice if she wanted a ride. The girl ran away and the truck was last seen leaving the area westbound on 50th Street. Adults in the area saw the truck as well.

While we cannot say that a crime was committed at this point, this is certainly a concerning situation that we wanted to make all of our community members aware of. With this incident and the unseasonably warm weather, it is a good time to remind everyone of basic danger stranger skills. Please discuss with your children the following: don't talk to strangers, don't accept rides from strangers, say "NO" and run away.

We will continue to investigate this and have extra patrol in the area, but having this important conversation with your children is the best place to start. I have included a "Youtube video" that may assist with those conversations (without endorsing the related site or its content). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cojk9A6ASvk>

Please remind everyone, if you see something suspicious to report it to 911 or 913-782-0720.