Update: Arrest - Annoying a Minor

On July 16, 2021, Monterey Police Detectives identified Charles Trembley, 61 years old of Hollister, as the suspect in this case. Trembley is the registered owner of a truck with distinct features matching the suspect vehicle description provided by witnesses. Trembley was also identified by witnesses as the suspect.

Monterey Police Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Trembley for violation of 647.6 PC - annoying a minor. At 11:45 p.m., Monterey Police Officers with the assistance of the Hollister Police Department contacted and arrested Trembley at his residence in the 300 block of Haydon Street, Hollister. Officers searched Trembley’s truck and recovered a bag of candy consistent with the description provided by witnesses.

Trembley was booked into the Monterey City Jail and his bail was initially set at $3,500. Officers requested a bail enhancement and Trembley’s bail was set at $100,000.
The MPD would like to thank the public and our local law enforcement partners for their assistance in this investigation. The MPD also applauds the courage and bravery of the victims who refused Trembley’s offerings and the bystander who intervened.

The MPD encourages parents to discuss a safety plan with children to include:

- Don’t talk to strangers.
- Don’t take anything from strangers.
- Don’t go anywhere with someone you don’t know.
- Stay more than an arm’s reach from strangers. If you are approached by a stranger, seek help immediately.
- Trust your instincts, if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately.
- Use the buddy system, avoid walking anywhere alone.
- Review contact telephone numbers and home safety practices.
- When seeking help, always go to a trusted adult – teacher, coach, police officer, other parent, or older siblings.
- If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away. Drop to the ground, kick, hit, bite, and scream. Do whatever it takes to attract the attention of others who can help you. If someone is dragging you away, scream, “this is not my dad,” or “this is not my mom.”
- Report any suspicious activity to your local school and police department.
On July 15, 2021 at 12:02 p.m., Monterey Police Officers were dispatched to Dennis the Menace Park at 777 Pearl Street regarding a report of a male loitering in the area and attempting to entice young children into his vehicle with candy. An adult in the area saw this and intervened. The male suspect left the area before officers arrived.

The male was described as an Asian male approximately 50 years old, thin build, 5'6" tall, with dark hair and crooked teeth. He was last seen driving an older model, maroon colored, small GMC or Chevrolet truck with a silver metal rack on the bed.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to immediately contact the Monterey Police Department at (831) 646-3830, or to remain anonymous, call (831) 646-3840.

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