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## Glendale Police Reminds Families About Stranger Danger

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – On December 8, 2016, around 8:40 AM, a 12 year old juvenile female student was on her way to school near 7200 W. Rose Garden Ln. when she was followed by an adult male suspect. The juvenile reported to the police that she saw the man while walking to school and believed he had followed her. Once she got near the school she reported he grabbed her by the backpack. The juvenile was not physically harmed. The Glendale Police Department will be patrolling the area with heightened presence before and after school.

This incident occurred just yesterday morning and is in the early stages of the investigation. The matter remains under investigation at this time. Incidents like this highlight the importance of parents maintaining open lines of communication with their children to ensure children are comfortable sharing information.

- Do not talk to strangers if approached
- Do not accept rides from strangers
- If approached by a stranger, run away immediately, and tell a trusted adult or call 911
- Always walk or ride in groups
- Always pay attention to your surroundings

The Glendale Police Department asks that if anyone witnessed the incident near the school yesterday morning to please call 623-930-3000 with information.

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*\*Spanish translation available*

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