



# HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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## District-Wide School Safety Alert

On Friday, December 12, 2014, a District student was the victim of a child annoyance incident. The incident occurred near the location of Gale Avenue and Gatlin Avenue in the city of Hacienda Heights. The victim was walking home from school when she was approached by the suspect in a vehicle. The suspect ordered the victim to get into the vehicle several times. The victim fled from the area and immediately reported the incident. The suspect was last seen driving southbound on Gatlin Avenue, into the residential area, and out of view.

The suspect was described as a male Hispanic in his 30s, clean shaven with a dark complexion. He was wearing a blue baseball cap backwards, a blue jacket and a blue shirt at the time the incident occurred. The vehicle was described as a silver two-door pickup truck, newer model, with stock rims.

Parents are urged to remind their children of the need to be safe in their surroundings while coming and going to school. The Department of Police and Safety is working with Industry Sheriff's Station in order to provide extra patrol in the areas where these incidents occurred.

- Always walk in groups. If you cannot walk in a group, at least try and walk with another person.
- Do not walk alone in isolated areas.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Never talk to strangers.
- Never accept a ride from a stranger or someone you do not know.
- If you are approached by a stranger in a car, walk away as quickly as possible and go to an area where there are other people.
- If you are approached or feel threatened by a stranger, please report it as soon as possible to your Principal, a School Police Officer or a Deputy Sheriff.

If you see any suspicious activity or are confronted by a stranger, **immediately** contact the Industry Sheriff's Station at (626) 330-3322 or the Department of Police and Safety of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District at (626) 933-3899.

*Vision Statement:*

**T**he Hacienda La Puente Unified School District is a community committed to developing lifelong learners who value themselves and the diversity of all people; apply decision-making skills leading to responsible actions; and use creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving in meeting the challenges of a changing society.