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Rockland Police Department Press Release

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HEADLINE: Rockland Police Department Respond to Report of a White Van Attempting to pick up RSU 13 Student Walking Home.

BODY:

During the afternoon on 09/28/17 a female juvenile who was walking home from the University of Maine campus in Rockland was approached by a male subject in a white van who offered the the girl a ride home. The girl refused the ride and continued walking home. The van was seen in the area by the girl after the initial encounter. Sometime after arriving at her residence the girl reported the incident to the Rockland Police Department via the department facebook page.

Officers and detectives worked into the night following up on information provided by the girl. The investigation is ongoing at this time and the department urges anyone with information, no matter how insignificant it may seem to contact the police department. The department also encourages students to walk in groups whenever possible. If any student is approached by anyone in the manner described above, regardless of what type of vehicle a person is driving, to run away and contact police as soon as possible.

The Rockland Police Department will continue to work with its law enforcement partners and aggressively follow up on any and all leads until this incident is brought to a successful conclusion. The department will also continue to collaborate with RSU 13 administration and staff to provide any assistance they require to ensure the safety of students. Proactive saturation patrols around RSU 13 schools during time frames that have been identified as concerning will continue until this situation is resolved.