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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police Determine Suspicious Incident at School Unfounded** *Second Case Still Being Investigated*

After a detailed investigation, police have determined that a reported suspicious incident at the Cradlerock School in Columbia yesterday did not occur. Police were called to the school after an 8-year-old boy reported that a woman had asked him to get into her blue van as he waited for his father to pick him up from school. The report has since been unfounded.

Police are continuing to investigate an unrelated report from a parent that her 12-year-old son was approached Tuesday by a man in a blue Ford Focus as the boy rode his scooter near the 4300 block of Cross Country Drive in Ellicott City. The boy reported that the man, a white male, asked him to get into the car and he refused. The boy went home and reported the incident to his parent.

Police have received no other reports involving a subject or vehicle matching this description.

Police are encouraging parents to remind their children of general personal safety rules, including ways to safely handle situations involving strangers. For more information about personal safety, parents can visit the Howard County Police Department's Web site at [www.hcpd.org](http://www.hcpd.org).

Anyone with information about Tuesday's incident should call police at (410) 313-3200.

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