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Sheriff's Department
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Deputies Investigate Attempted Kidnapping of Teenaged Student

MODESTO, CA-Three teenaged girls walking to school were approached by male who tried to get one of the girls into his car. The incident occurred about 8:00 am this morning while the girls were walking to Mark Twain Junior High School.

The girls were walking along the canal bank near Chicago Ave and Ritsch Ct in Modesto when a male approached the girls from behind and grabbed two of the girls. He then told the third girl to get into his car. A Good Samaritan riding his bike nearby noticed what was going on and chased the suspect away from the girls. The suspect got into a vehicle and drove away.

The suspect is described as a Latino male in his early 20's about 5 foot 6 inches tall, medium build, and clean-shaven. The vehicle he was driving is described as a tan colored 4-door car.

Sheriff's officials believe this is the same suspect that has been involved in similar types of incidents last week in the City of Modesto. Modesto Police and the Sheriff's Department are encouraging students to obtain a ride to school either with parents or on a school bus. If a ride is not available, here are some safety tips students should follow:

- Walk with a group of friends.
- Avoid secluded areas such as alleys or behind businesses.
- Be alert and aware of people and vehicles that may be loitering in the area.
- Have a plan and be ready to react if a person approaches you on foot or in a vehicle. The best plan is to avoid contact and run if approached.
- Report suspicious activity.
- Program the Stanislaus County emergency help number into your cell phone. Calling 9-1-1 on a cell phone connects you with CHP dispatchers who must transfer the call to Stanislaus County 9-1-1 operators. Calling (209) 558-HELP from a cell phone connects you directly to Stanislaus County operators. It is recommended to program the number on your cell phone's speed dial.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department at (209) 525-7115. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636 and be eligible for a cash reward.

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