WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

Attempted Abduction Case Closed

A 17-year-old and an 18-old-year resident of Greenhills were interviewed by Greenhills Police today. They told us they have been driving around Greenhills “pranking” people by asking them “funny stuff.” As an example, they asked several residents, “Where in the Haberdashery Hemoglobin is Burley Circle?” They were intending to post the videos to Youtube to emulate some already posted.

In independent interviews, the two told us they were the suspects who approached an 11-year-old who lives in the “B” section on Monday, October 22nd who was riding his bike. The two stated they spoke to the youth and said, “aye aye, bro bro, come here real fast” before the frightened youth fled on his bike.

We had obtained video from a neighbor of the vehicle leaving the incident and it was verified that one of the persons interviewed was driving the vehicle. Both individuals were cooperative and forthcoming in talking with officers.

After speaking with the two suspects, we reviewed Section 2905.05 of the Ohio Revised Code, which reads, “No person, by any means and without privilege to do so, shall knowingly solicit, coax, entice, or lure any child under fourteen years of age to accompany the person in any manner.”

We checked with the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office who discovered that this section of law was recently found unconstitutional by the Ohio Supreme Court, who ruled the section overly broad. The section, however, is still on the books. The Prosecutor’s Office found no other section of law that would cover this behavior.

The two individuals in the car have been counseled about the fear they have caused the youth and the community. The victim’s parents have been notified, the case is closed, and the community is safe.

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If you see something, say something! If you see someone acting suspiciously in your neighborhood, call us immediately so we can check it out while the suspicious act is still occurring. We would rather check on something that turns out to be okay than miss the apprehension of a criminal. Call us at:

513-825-2101 – Greenhills Police Headquarters
513-825-2280 – Dispatch
911 – Emergencies

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