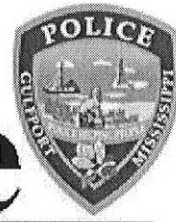


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*Chief Alan Weatherford today announced that:*

Case # : 10-020600/10-010436

The Gulfport Police Department has received two complaints of a suspicious person in a vehicle in the east Gulfport Area. The first complaint was received on March 25, 2010. The complainant stated that on March 24, 2010 at approximately 4:30 p.m., a black male, who appeared to be in his late 30's to early 40's, pulled into the driveway of a residence in the 800 block of a Courthouse Road. The vehicle was described as a older model, possibly 1990's Buick Century, red, two door car; the front driver's side quarter panel was a different color red than the rest of the vehicle; the vehicle had plain black rims. The black male approached a young child, who was in the front yard of the residence. The black male asked the child to "take a ride" with him. An adult, inside the residence, exited and the black male departed in the vehicle.

On March 26, 2010 the Gulfport Police Department responded to a similar complaint in the 100 block of 25<sup>th</sup> Street. The complainant stated that on March 24, 2010, she, another adult female and two small children were walking westbound on 25<sup>th</sup> Street when they observed a red "Acura or Taurus" parked in a driveway. The driver of the vehicle was described as a black male, balding gray haired, approximately six feet tall and 195 pounds, age approximately 50 years old and wearing glasses. According to the complainant the black male asked if the residence, at which he was parked, was vacant. He then inquired if the complainant was just walking. The black male then departed in the vehicle at a slow pace while viewing the group including the complainant, through his mirrors.

Anyone with any information is urged to contact the Gulfport Police Department Criminal Investigations Division at 868-5920 or 868-5959.

Approved for release by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: March 29, 2010

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