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Incident: **Request for Witness Contacts**
Incident Date : **Monday December 7, 2020**
Incident Time: **Approximately 10:00-10:30 a.m.**
Location: **Parking lot of Michael's Crafts, Petaluma**

Incident Summary

The Petaluma Police Department continues to investigate an incident that occurred in the parking lot of Michael's Crafts in Petaluma on Monday, December 7, 2020 between approximately 10:00-10:30 a.m.; the incident (originally reported as an attempted kidnapping of a child in a stroller) became widely publicized on December 14, 2020 after the child's mother posted a video to social media.

Despite the publicity that followed, no independent witnesses have come forward to describe what (if anything) they saw on Monday, December 7, 2020. The investigation indicates there were people present in the parking lot of Michael's Crafts who could potentially provide some insight as to what did (or did not) occur that day.

Among those people were an elderly man with white/gray hair wearing glasses, a brown Pendleton-type shirt, gray or tan pants, and brown shoes. He may have been accompanied by a possibly middle-aged woman with dark hair wearing glasses, a two-toned pink shirt with vertical stripes, and blue jeans or some other dark colored pants. They may be associated with a black (or possibly dark blue) van or SUV.

The persons described above are neither suspected nor accused of any wrongdoing; their value to the investigation would only be as potential witnesses.

The Petaluma Police Department would like to renew its request for anyone who was in the Michael's parking lot on December 7, 2020 between approximately 10:00-10:30 a.m. to contact Lt. Ed Crosby at 707-778-4325 (ecrosby@cityofpetaluma.org) or Detective Corie Joerger at 707-778-4456 (cjoerger@cityofpetaluma.org) .