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## PRESS RELEASE

To: All Media Outlets  
From: Captain Dawn Williams

On October 13, 2016 at approximately 0828 am, the Maplewood Police Department received a report of suspicious condition, possible attempted luring, on Garfield Place. The victim, a 40 year old female Maplewood resident reported a heavysset black male exited the passenger side of a white vehicle and subsequently ran toward her with his arms out in a manner which she perceived as he was going to physically grab her. The victim reported the unknown male stated "c'mon, c'mon" and something else to her but she was unable to ascertain what else was said. The victim reported she began screaming and ran. The vehicle was last seen travelling east on Irvington Avenue.

The male passenger is described as: A heavysset light skinned black male, short hair, approximately 5 10 in height in his late 20's early 30's, with a gap between his front teeth, wearing heather gray sweat pants, a heather gray zip up sweatshirt and white sneakers. There is no description of the driver at this time.

The vehicle is described as a white vehicle (SUV or crossover style) with a NJ temporary license plate and dark tinted windows in the rear of the vehicle.

During the encounter, the male did not make physical contact with the victim and she was not injured as a result of the incident. The motive for the encounter is unknown at this time.

Information regarding the incident has been communicated to other Law Enforcement agencies to aid in the investigation. Further, additional patrols are being assigned to the area. Anyone that has information that may assist with the investigation is asked to contact the Maplewood Police Department Detective Bureau at (973) 762-3400.

The incident is under investigation and there is no further information or comment regarding the incident at this time.