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OFFICERS RESPOND TO SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – July 13, 2021 – On Monday, July 12, 2021 Athens Police Officers took a report of a juvenile female who advised that a male tried to grab her by the arm. The young lady was allegedly at Food City at approximately 8:45 am and noticed a man that appeared to be following her around the store. When she exited, he followed her to the parking lot. Although the man spoke to her, she couldn't understand what he was saying. He allegedly grabbed her by the arm, but she pulled away, got into her car, and left the area.

The individual in question is pictured in the attached photo. He is believed to be driving a white, box-shaped cargo-type van.

This investigation is still ongoing, and officers are still gathering facts. Due to the nature of the situation, the Police Department is choosing to be especially cautious and ensure that citizens are aware of the incident. Officers ask that anyone who may be able to identify the man contact McMinn County Dispatch at (423) 745-7698.



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