



## News Release

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### Woodridge Police Seek Information on Suspicious Incident

- A suspicious incident occurred on October 22 at 5 p.m. near Woodridge and Wild Plum Drives
- The suspect touched a teenage girl's arm while she was jogging and asked if she wanted a ride
- The Woodridge Police Departments reminds people to be vigilant and to report crime tips

**WOODRIDGE, Ill., October 23, 2020:** On Tuesday, October 22, 2020, at 5 p.m., the Woodridge Police Department received a report of a suspicious incident that occurred in the area of Woodridge Drive and Wild Plum Drive. While jogging on Woodridge Drive, a teenage girl turned onto Wild Plum Drive. A suspicious man with a skateboard approached her. The man left the skateboard in the roadway as he approached her on the sidewalk. He then touched her arm and asked if she wanted a ride. The girl immediately left the area and reported the incident.

The victim describes the offender as a male, white, in his late 20s or in his 30s years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 180 lbs. – 200 lbs., short dark hair, possibly wearing jeans and riding a skateboard. She believes that the man followed her onto Wild Plum Drive from Woodridge Drive at the start of the incident.

This incident may or may not be related to the October 11, 2020, case when a man grabbed a woman on the bike path in the 7100 block of Woodridge Drive. In that case, which is still under investigation, the offender fled on a bicycle he stashed near the bike path.

The Woodridge Police Department is actively investigating this incident and is seeking information. Investigators ask anyone in the area to check their video security systems for any video related to the incident. Anyone can report a crime tip to Woodridge detectives by calling 630-960-8998, dialing 911 or emailing [crimetips@vil.woodridge.il.us](mailto:crimetips@vil.woodridge.il.us).

“Please be aware of your surroundings and be vigilant – take a mental note of people in the area that appear to have no agenda,” said Brian Cunningham, chief of police, Woodridge Police Department. “For example, are they standing around or walking a bike into the woods? While this activity does not necessarily mean they’re engaging in criminal activity, consider if the behavior is ‘normal’ for the area. Situational awareness and providing crime tips can both contribute to a safer community.”

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