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“Auburn Police Investigating Two Suspicious Incidents”

The Auburn Police Department is investigating two suspicious incidents that may be related. On Wednesday March 18th, 2009 Auburn Police Officers were alerted to an incident that occurred the previous night. The complainant, a 15 year old female, reports that on March 17th, 2009 at around 8:30pm in the Bombardier parking lot near the corner of Orchard St. and Baker Ave she was walking through the parking lot when she was approached by a subject carrying a flashlight. The female could not get a good description of the male because he was holding the flashlight up close to his face distorting his image. The female states that the male was white. She further described the male as about 5'6" tall, with a thin build and around 25 years of age. The female states that the male grabbed her by her jacket and led her towards a vehicle that was parked in the parking lot. Once near the vehicle she states the male pushed her by her shoulders down into the rear passenger seat of the car. At this point the female states she kicked the male in the area of his genitals and was able to run from the car to her home where she reported the incident to her parents. The female states the car involved was a light colored four door sedan. She also stated that next to the car was a van that had its lights on. She believed the van had some sort of delivery type light on its top but she saw no writing on the light.

The second incident occurred the morning of March 18th, 2009 at around 8:30am. The complainant reported observing a white van follow her son west on Orchard St. as he and his friends walked to school. The complainant observed the van pull into the Bombardier parking lot and the operator of the van appeared to watch as her son and his friends turned south onto Baker Ave. The complainant stated she drove her car into the parking lot near the van and the van drove off. She described the van as an older white cargo van with rust on the body. The van had no rear windows or writing on the sides. She described the van operator as an older white male with dark hair and possibly having facial hair.

If anyone has information regarding these two incidents they are encouraged to contact the Auburn Police Department at 315-253-3235 or lead investigator, Det. Douglas Parker at 315-255-4726. Your calls can remain anonymous.

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