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**Update
Attempted Abduction
SZPD-2025-000118**

Schertz, TX (1/16/2025) – On January 16, 2024, the Schertz Police Department located a van matching the description of the suspect vehicle at a construction site around the area of the initial report. Officers initiated contact with the driver, Ismael Ortega Quiroz, 33, from San Antonio, TX. This intelligence was shared with our Investigations unit who was able to develop probable cause for an arrest warrant.

Quiroz remained under surveillance until the arrest warrant was obtained and was then arrested without incident and will be transported to the Bexar County Jail for processing. He is being held on Attempted Kidnapping, a state jail felony, and bond will be set upon his full processing at the Bexar County Jail.

Police Chief Jim Lowery stated, "I am proud of the work conducted by the men and women of this department. Thanks to their tenacity, initiative and motivation to achieve optimal results we have this suspect in custody. We want to thank our community for practicing *See Something, Say Something* and our local, Bexar County, State, and Federal partners for their collaboration in this investigation. There is hope that this arrest will bring some peace of mind to our community."

Schertz, TX (1/16/2025) – On January 15, 2025, at approximately 6:15 p.m., the Schertz Police Department responded to a report of a suspicious person in a white van in the 12500 block of Barr Way. The reporting party stated that a man attempted to lure a 10-year-old boy into the van. The suspect is described as approximately 6 feet tall, wearing all black clothing and a black ski mask. He was driving a white van, possibly a Chevrolet, which had ladders on top, black rims, tinted windows, and a rusted front grille guard. Fortunately, the child ran from the scene and informed his parents; he was not harmed during the incident.

Police Chief Jim Lowery commented, "This call is very alarming and concerning to all of us as members of this community. We are diligently investigating this case and will increase our patrols in the immediate area. We commend the child for not approaching the vehicle and for seeking help. Please take the time to speak to your children and remind them about stranger danger." This is an ongoing investigation; we are seeking assistance from the community members of this neighborhood by having them review any video footage they have that may provide additional leads for investigators.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, contact us at 210-619-1200 and ask for Detective Ian McMath or Sergeant Daniel Trevino.

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