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## \*\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*\*WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPT\*\*\*\* Witnesses Sought in Downtown Luring Case

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Detectives are seeking the public's help in identifying possible victims and/or witnesses in Saturday's luring case. Daniel I. Moreinis, 44, transient from Colorado, was arrested on probable cause for Luring and Criminal Impersonation 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, after approaching a young girl in the area of Alder and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue around 11:10 a.m.

The victim, believed to be a young girl, aged 6-9, has not been identified at this time. Witnesses stated the victim expressed fear when contacted by the suspect and ran away. Moreinis was identified as the suspect by witnesses and taken into custody a short time later.

At the time of his arrest, Moreinis was found to be in possession of a small plastic toy gun and plastic police badge. His bail was set at \$100,000 during his initial court appearance this morning.

Anyone with information regarding this case, or who can identify the victim, is requested to contact Detective Marcus Goodwater at (509)524-4419 or 527-1960.

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