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**\*\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*\*WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPT\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*ALERT—SUSPECT/VEHICLE ATTEMPT TO LURE TEENAGE GIRL\*\*\*\***

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A parent reported to police this morning that a subject tried to coax her daughter into his vehicle yesterday after school.

The suspect attempted to coax the 15 year old girl into his silver mini-van as she was walking along South 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The vehicle had no license plate on the back and was described as possibly a Dodge Caravan.

The suspect was described as a heavy set Hispanic male with an orange hat, in his early 40's. When the girl denied his offer of a ride, he followed her for a few blocks continuing to talk to her. He told her she was pretty and that he knew her dad and it was OK if he gave her a ride.

Parents are reminded to talk to their children about never accepting a ride from strangers and to call 911 immediately if it happens.

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