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Arrest of Sex Offender

On Thursday, September 19th 2019, at 5:30PM, two twelve year-old girls were approached by an adult male at Creekside Park, 5601 W. Las Positas Blvd. The male engaged the girls in conversation and convinced one of the girls to leave the park with him. The man purchased candy for the girl at a nearby convenience store before taking her to a canal on Santa Rita Road where he obtained her cell phone number. The girl went home and reported the incident to her parents. No physical or sexual assault was reported. The girl's parents reported the incident to the Pleasanton Police Department.

On September 20th, 2019 Pleasanton Police identified the male as 44 year-old Muneer Hassan who resides in Dublin and San Leandro. Hassan is a registered sex offender who had an outstanding warrant for drug-related charges. Pleasanton Police Detectives contacted Hassan at his Dublin residence. He was placed under arrest for one felony count of annoying and molesting a minor, one felony count of failing to register as a sex offender and the outstanding narcotics warrant.

The Pleasanton Police Department encourages all parents to educate their children about how to be safe when not accompanied by an adult. The following are basic tips to discuss with children of all ages:

- Encourage children to use the buddy system – walk and play with friends or classmates.
- Avoid solitary areas such as alleys and vacant buildings.
- With your children, map out the safest routes to bus stops, stores and friends' homes. Teach them to take these routes and avoid using shortcuts.
- Explain the importance of being alert. Even while listening to music or socializing, it is important to be aware of their surroundings.



Better Together

- Never talk to strangers in person or online unless they are designated “safe” adults.
- Never accept gifts, food or rides from strangers.

Anyone with further information related to this case is encouraged to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 925-931-5100. The Pleasanton Police Department always encourages residents to report suspicious behavior or activity.

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