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Press Release

Attempted Abduction Determined Unfounded

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The Stratford Police Department was made aware of a report of an attempted child abduction that was alleged to have occurred on July 29, 2026. Based on the investigation, Detectives determined that there is no evidence to support that an attempted child abduction occurred and deemed that the report was not credible.

The Stratford Police Department Detective Bureau immediately initiated an extensive investigation into the reported incident. As with all reports involving the safety of children, Detectives thoroughly examined the circumstances, conducted interviews, and reviewed all available video evidence.

As part of the investigation, Detectives identified and located the van described in the initial report. The vehicle was determined to belong to an uninvolved delivery driver, and the investigation found no evidence that the driver was involved in any criminal activity.

The Stratford Police Department understands that reports of this nature can cause significant concern within the community. We want to reassure residents that every report involving the safety of a child is treated with the utmost seriousness and investigated thoroughly.

