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Police Department recognizes Officer Todd Arthur for exemplary service

Oak Forest, Illinois – The Oak Forest Police Department recently recognized Officer Todd Arthur for commendable work in arresting a man, who attempted to abduct a 15-year-old girl in the 5700 block of 159th Street on April 2.

“Todd demonstrated great concern for the victim in this case and conducted an initial investigation to determine any wrong doing,” said Police Chief Greg Anderson. “He may have prevented further crimes not only against this victim, but other potential victims.”

While on patrol, Arthur noticed the male driver motion to the girl to come to his van at which point she quickened her pace away from the van while shaking her head. As the man began to drive away, Arthur conducted a traffic stop and was informed by the driver that he simply motioned for the girl to cross in front of his van. Arthur then asked Officer David Kachlick to speak with the victim, who advised him that the offender asked her if she wanted a ride and she had replied no. Arthur arrested the offender for attempted child abduction and transported him to the police station where he made incriminating statements while being interviewed. The offender had no previous history of this type of crime.

“Todd knew something was not right and took the necessary steps to get to the bottom of it,” Anderson added. “His actions demonstrate a real commitment to victims of crime and to our residents.”

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