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Increased Patrols at Yorba Linda Parks

YORBA LINDA, CA – (May 11, 2013) – The Orange County Sheriff's Department was notified Friday evening, May 10 of a possible child annoyance or attempted child abduction that occurred at Veteran's Park in Yorba Linda on Tuesday, May 7 at approximately 8:30 pm.

A father of an 11 year old, autistic, non-communicative girl lost sight of her while he was watching his son's soccer practice. When he realized she was missing, numerous adults began searching for her. She was soon seen in the playground with an unknown adult standing next to her. When the girl's name was called, the adult ran away. It is unknown if the adult was male or female. The only description is that the subject was wearing black pants and a black hoodie. While it is unclear whether an attempted crime occurred, the report of the adult running away is suspicious and an investigation in this incident is ongoing.

Today, Yorba Linda deputies have stepped up patrols in the parks and will continue to have high visibility at the sports fields. Residents are encouraged to talk with their children about strangers and review safety tips. Residents are also asked to remain vigilant and report any suspicious persons or activity to the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (714) 647-7000. If there is imminent danger, call 911.