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OCSO INVESTIGATING REPORT OF ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING

An 11-year old Crestview girl says a woman tried to coerce her into a pick-up truck outside a shopping complex at 417 Mary Esther Cut-off around two p.m. today.

Two witnesses confirmed the suspicious activity.

They told deputies who were called to the scene that a gold Ford Ranger pick-up truck stopped in the parking lot near TJ Maxx. A black male was driving the vehicle and a white female was a passenger. The victim and witnesses say the female got out of the truck, approached the child, and tried to get her to climb inside.

The girl however ran back into the store to tell a family member.

An investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information on the attempted kidnapping is asked to call the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office at 850-651-7400 or contact Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers at 850-863-TIPS.

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