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Parents can put white van concerns to rest

Fort Smith RCMP are glad parents in the community continue to be vigilant about strangers approaching their children, but warn them not to become overly paranoid.

Last week the RCMP issued a warning about two instances where the driver of a white van attempted to communicate with young children.

Using information from children who made the first complaint, RCMP tracked down van from the original complaint and spoke with the driver. Corporal Scott Young said there was no wrongdoing in the incidences.

Since then, the RCMP have received three additional calls of vehicles approaching children, but after investigation, the drivers in all three cases were found to be legitimate in what they were doing and unrelated.

Each call involved a vehicle of a different colour and make and drivers of different sexes, ages and races.

Corporal Scott Young warns parents to remain vigilant, but be practical.

“Parents should determine the facts before reporting the incidences to police,” Young said. “We’re trying not to raise fear or paranoia. After investigating all the calls, we have determined them to be unsuspecting in nature.”

Anyone with information about further reports can contact the Fort Smith RCMP detachment.