

# Another suspicious person seen at Markham elementary school

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Police are again advising parents and children to be alert after investigating a third report of a suspicious man hanging around Central Park Public School in Markham.

"It's the third incident in four weeks," said Const. Steve Morrell. "It doesn't appear they are connected but there appears to be some similarities in the descriptions for two of the incidents."

A school staffer called police Wednesday after noticing a man acting strangely near the front entrance to the school about 3:30 p.m.

"He didn't have a reason to be there, but he acted like he was looking for somebody," Const. Morrell said.

The staffer spoke to the man, who then appeared to leave the area, but he was seen a short

time later in a car parked near the student cross walk.

When he was approached, he drove off eastbound on Manhattan Drive.

He's described as male white, about five-feet-seven-inches tall, wearing a dark winter jacket, dark pants, work boots and a black toque.

His car was an early '90s Ford Tempo, with faded grey or brown paint. The last three numbers of the licence plate may be 267.

On March 19, a 50-year-old heavyset man approached two eight-year-old girls at lunchtime on a walkway as they made their way towards Delancey Crescent.

He asked them to go with him to his car, but they ran back to the school and told their teacher instead.

This man appears older than the suspects in the two other incidents, Const. Morrell point-

ed out.

He wore a dark coat, shoes without laces and had a cracked lens in his glasses. His car was an older model and a dark colour.

In the first incident on March 7, a younger man called an 11-year-old student over to him from a walkway leading to Brooklyn Crescent as the boy walked along Long Island Crescent.

The boy ran towards home and the suspect chased him for a short way before giving up.

That suspect was described as male white, about five-foot-nine between 20 and 30 years old, similar to Wednesday's suspect.

He was wearing a red baseball cap and a light grey zippered jacket. York Police are asking that parents and

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