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FYI, this was called to my attention today, so I had St. Pete Beach PD look into the validity of the report and it appears to be valid. Even though it happened in Lakewood Ranch (Manatee County), it warrants all of us being on guard for our children.

SPD will forward any updates as they come in.

Please share w/ your friends, thanks.

*Dick Livingston, President of VDMIA*

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## **INCIDENT:**

**Last week we sent out an Ewatch regarding a man in a van that looked like an ice cream truck trying to get a child to get in the van. This occurred on a Saturday afternoon in the Perico Island area.**

**On this Saturday January 26th it seems the same man approached 2 young children in the Lakewood Ranch area.**

**The man is described as a white male in his 50's with gray balding hair, small thin mustache with a chubby build, driving a white older van that looked like an ice cream truck with no markings. There were discoloration marks on the side of the van like signs had been removed. There was no tag seen.**

**The man told the children to hop in the van because their mother had sent him to pick them up.**

**Please tell your children about this incident and remind them never to get in a car with someone they don't know.**

**This Ewatch is going out county wide because this person is mobile and could show up anywhere. So far there haven't been any reports on other days than Saturdays.**

**Manatee County Sheriff's Office**

**Crime Prevention**

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