UPDATE – Suspect Arrested for Attempted Kidnapping

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The vehicle has been located and identified. This was possible through a crime stoppers tip that was received on the evening of Feb. 4th, shortly after we asked the community for assistance. Officers and detectives, with assistance from the Victoria County Sheriff’s Office, have since made an arrest in connection to this attempted kidnapping.

VPD is thankful for the relationship we have with our community and the assistance provided in this ongoing investigation.

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VPD Requests Assistance in Locating Suspect Vehicle

On Friday, February 3, 2023, officers responded to the 3400 block of East Rio Grande in reference to an investigation. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the caller and her 16-year-old daughter.

Through preliminary investigation, officers discovered that the 16-year-old was walking in the 3400 block of Rio Grande when an unknown Hispanic male driving a Blue Ford Explorer attempted to lure her into his vehicle. When he began to exit his vehicle, she fled the area on foot to safety.

Officers and Detectives have conducted numerous follow-ups in and around the area on Rio Grande from Lova to Delmar Dr.
The suspect’s vehicle is described as a blue with gold trim 2000s model Ford Explorer with potential damage to the front bumper. This vehicle also looks to have tinted windows and stock rims. Actual image of the suspect’s vehicle is below.

The suspect has been described as a Hispanic male, approximately 5’5” tall, 170-200 pounds, in his mid to late 30’s with short hair, and a full beard.

Officers and Detectives continue to search for the vehicle and suspect. If you have any information related to this incident, contact Victoria Crime Stoppers - Texas at 361-572-4200 or VPD’s Non-Emergency line at 361-573-3221 and reference case number 2023-001025.