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# NEWS RELEASE

## San Diego Police Department

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### **DETECTIVES SEEKING ASSISTANCE TO IDENTIFY CHILD MOLEST SUSPECT**

**(San Diego)** San Diego Police Child Abuse detectives are asking for the public's assistance in identifying a child molest suspect. The suspect has been linked to at least two incidents in San Diego. Both incidents occurred inside Wal-Mart stores. The first incident occurred at the Wal-Mart in College Grove on April 1, 2009, in the early evening. The second incident occurred at Wal-Mart in Kearny Mesa on May 17, 2009, in the afternoon.

The victims in both cases were young, five and six year-old girls who were fondled by the suspect. Neither victim was injured during the incident. Both victims were separated from their parents, who were a short distance away inside the store when the suspect approached them.

The suspect is described as a White male, 25 to 30 years old, brown short hair, about 6 feet tall, with a medium build. The suspect was wearing a blue short-sleeved shirt and jeans. In the second case, the suspect was seen getting into a 1998 to 2006, full-size, similar to a Ford, four-door "crew cab" style truck. The truck is dark in color, possibly burgundy, and has a silver or chrome colored storage box in the bed.

Anyone with information concerning the suspect's identity or similar cases is asked to contact the San Diego Police Department's Child Abuse Unit at (619) 531-2260 or San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

Photographs of the suspect, the suspect's vehicle and a similar type vehicle are attached to this release. Copies of the surveillance video are also available. Lieutenant O'Hanlon will be available for interviews in front of SDPD headquarters at 1:30 p.m. today.



**NOT ACTUAL SUSPECT'S VEHICLE**

**Suspect was driving a Full Size Burgundy / Maroon 4-Door Truck  
Suspect's Vehicle has a Silver / Chrome Tool Box in Bed  
Truck is similar to the above photograph**

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