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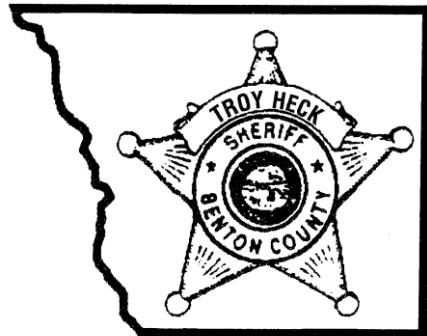
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PRESS RELEASE

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AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in identifying an individual involved in a suspicious activity incident from May 18th, 2022.

On May 18th, 2022 at about 8:30 am, a white minivan being driven by a white male stopped at a school bus stop in Watab Township and had a brief conversation with the children waiting there. The children described the man as being about 60 to 70 years old, overweight, with gray to white colored hair. According to the children, the man asked them where they went to school and then informed them that he had been the principal at Rice Elementary School for 43 years. The man never threatened the children, nor did he ever attempt to have the children get into his vehicle. The sheriff's office was able to confirm through the school district that the man's claim to be the principal at Rice Elementary was false. The sheriff's office is seeking the public's help in identifying this person or learning of any other similar suspicious incidents involving this person.

Anyone with information about this incident or the suspects is asked to contact the Benton County Sheriff's Office at (320) 968-7201 or Tri-County Crime Stoppers at (800) 255-1301, www.tricountycrimestoppers.org.

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