



## Department of Public Safety

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*Mark A. Herald, Director  
Brian Williams, Captain  
Ric Buikema, Captain*

October 13, 2015

Dear EGR Parents,

The East Grand Rapids Public Safety Department has investigated reports of a man acting suspiciously in several parts of the City. The man, 52-year-old Terry Ward, was arrested on Tuesday, October 13 on unrelated charges in Grand Rapids. He is a white male with brown hair and brown eyes and is 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighs 195 pounds. Mr. Ward was observed in East Grand Rapids with two dogs. He can appear overly friendly and his behavior could be interpreted as socially inappropriate. At this time, Mr. Ward is not being investigated for any crimes in East Grand Rapids.

Our Public Safety Department appreciates hearing from residents when suspicious activity occurs – and encourages the community to contact the Department immediately to report such incidents. Please call 911 to report suspicious activity. To get accurate information about such incidents before informing your neighbors on social media, please call the Department at 616.949.7010. Make sure to check the City's social media pages for up-to-date information about suspicious and criminal activity. Together, we can keep our community safe and informed.

Please feel free to contact me with questions at 616.949.7010 or [mherald@eastgr.org](mailto:mherald@eastgr.org).

Sincerely,

Mark A. Herald  
*Director of Public Safety*

Cc: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Brian Donovan, City Manager  
EGRPS Board of Education