

# Suspicious incident in Baberton

Police are investigating a report of a nine-year-old boy being approached by two men in Edinburgh.

The incident happened on Baberton Mains Hill between 12.10pm and 12.20pm on Friday 8 March 2013 as the boy was on his way home from school on his scooter.

A black, small to medium car with two men within pulled up alongside the boy.

They asked him to get into the vehicle however he refused and ran home, where he alerted his parents who, in turn, contacted police.

Officers are now urgently trying to trace the men to find out exactly what happened, and why they stopped the boy, and are exploring a number of lines of enquiry, including CCTV.

In the meantime, police have increased uniformed patrols in the area and are appealing to members of the public with any information about the incident to come forward immediately.

The male passenger is described as being dark skinned, with dark hair which was greying around the temples and a dark moustache. He was wearing a fluorescent yellow/green adidas tracksuit top with black stripes down the sleeves and had the black tattoo of a ring on his left index finger.

There are only brief details about the driver, however he is described as being dark-skinned.

The car is described as having scratches on the rear of the vehicle, with a black interior with red stripes and furry dice hanging on the rear view mirror.

Inspector David Hynd from the City of Edinburgh Division said:- “Thankfully the child was unhurt in this incident, however he is understandably shaken by these events.

“This appears to be an isolated incident, and there may be a genuine reason why the men spoke to the boy, however at this time we are doing all we can to establish the circumstances.

“As well as exploring a number of investigative lines of enquiry, we are also upping our patrols in the area to reassure local residents.

“I would encourage anyone who has nay information regarding this to get in touch with us immediately or speak to any officer in person.

“Anyone with any information can report it by dialling 101 or by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”