



# CITY OF GREENVILLE POLICE **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**RELEASE TOPIC** : Clown Sightings in Greenville City

Greenville S.C – During the last couple of days the clown sightings has received a lot of attention by the community and the media.

To begin, the initial incident occurred in the County at the Fleetwood Manor Apartment Complex. This incident it is being investigated by the Greenville County Sherriff's Office.

Since the initial incident we have received three reports of Clown related sightings in the City limits of Greenville. Two have occurred at 100 Shemwood Lane (Shemwood Crossing Apartments) and the third on Deoyley Ave.

The first sighting was on Monday 8.29.16 at approximately 21:32 hrs.

**THE CALLER REPORTED THERE WERE 2 CLOWNS ONE WITH RED PUFFY HAIR AND THE OTHER WITH WHITE MASK //ONE WEARING BODY SUIT//REPORTED THEY WERE STANDING OUTSIDE THE BACK DOOR.**

GPD Officers responded, searched the area and even reviewed the apartment complex CCTV (cameras). They did not locate or view in the camera footage anyone matching the description.

The second incident occurred yesterday at approximately 20:41 hrs. The caller reported two subjects dressed in clown costumes in the playground area of the apartment complex. Officers on arrival were informed that the two subjects were chased into an unknown vehicle and they drove off. (Attached is the report)

The Third Incident/sighting was today in the Pleasant Valley area. **A CONCERNED PARENT CALLED TO REPORT DAUGHTER WHO WALKS TO SCHOOL SAW A CLOWN IN THE WOODS ON WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL IN AREA BETWEEN PLEASANT VALLEY AND HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

Officers on scene did not locate any subjects after canvassing the Pleasant Valley Community.

Although we have had several sightings reported there has been no indication of any attempt to lure children into the woods or any other criminal act aside from possibly wearing a mask.

It is important to always remain vigilant, report suspicious activity to police and allow law enforcement to investigate these type of incidents.

We do not believe there is a danger but parents should remain vigilant and follow these helpful tips:

- Teach your children to refuse anything from strangers, including money, gifts or rides.
- Talk to your children about strangers AND to be aware of unusual behaviour.
- Don't allow children to play alone in isolated areas.
- Know everything you can about your children's activities.



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