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“Police Follow Up Regarding Suspicious Activity”

During the past several days there have been several posts regarding suspicious male in the Patteson Drive area of Morgantown. While no reports of criminal activity have been made, there has been several social media posts followed by community concerns that have been expressed because of the postings.

The Morgantown Police Department has identified the person that was photographed and shared through social media. The individual in question is known by the Police Department and has been arrested for various criminal activities in the past. Since this individual is not reported to have committed any crimes as a result of this social media post, his name is not being released at this time.

The Morgantown Police Department reminds and urges everyone to report suspicious activity to 911 immediately. This allows law enforcement to respond to the call as quickly as they can, take statements from witnesses and victims as well as make timely arrests. Reporting incidents on social media without reporting to the police are usually not productive in the timely apprehension of individuals engaged in criminal activity.

Additionally, citizens are also encouraged not to give money to individuals soliciting. If you wish to help needy individuals please donate to legitimate charity organizations.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a “Partner in Policing”, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

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