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INVESTIGATION UPDATE

A thorough investigation by the Grand Rapids Police Department, in conjunction with the Kent County Prosecutor's Office, has revealed that recent allegations that an adult male urinated on a child were fabricated. After interviews by a trained specialist, the parents of the children talked with them more, and the children all admitted the adult male was not involved. One of the children urinated on another child, and the story was concocted to avoid trouble. Additionally, citizens in the surrounding provided a verifiable alibi for the recorded time of the incident.

We appreciate the conscientiousness of the parents in bringing the matter to the attention of the police, and in continuing to ask their children questions as new evidence was obtained.

"The community and members of the media were understandably interested and concerned about the allegations," said Kent County Prosecutor Chris Becker. "But this is a prime example of why it's so important to wait until all the evidence has been gathered and the criminal investigation has been completed before jumping to any conclusions."

Accordingly, no charges will be sought in this matter.