



For Immediate Release

Contact: Lt. Michael Crum
Berkley Public Safety Department
Detective Bureau
248-658-3393
www.berkleymich.org

DATE: February 24, 2015
TO: All Press Media
SUBJECT: City of Berkley – Incident Involving Child at Alex’s Restaurant

On February 23, Berkley Public Safety Officers responded to Alex’s Restaurant when they were notified that a suspicious note, written by a young boy, was left on the counter. The note indicated that the child needed help. Video of the incident, captured by the restaurant’s surveillance camera, was released to local media in hopes of quickly identifying the boy and the adults who were with him. An investigation was initiated to determine if the child was in danger. The first priority was to identify the adults and the child seen in the video.

This morning Public Safety Officers received a phone call from the father who confirmed the boy’s identify and provided information about the adults in the video. After interviewing the boy and his family, officers determined that the note was a part of a game. According to the 8-year old boy, he and his friends play a game they call “Cops and Robbers”. The boy said that writing the note was a part of the game and he did not intend to cause alarm.

The parents brought the child to the Public Safety Department to help him understand the impact of his actions. We are confident that the child is not in danger and the investigation is closed.

The Berkley Public Safety Department would like to thank the news media for alerting the public, which helped bring this situation to a happy conclusion. “It is important that we take these matters seriously to ensure the safety of residents and visitors in our City. This type of ending is the best case scenario for any incident involving a child,” said Richard Eshman, Berkley Public Safety Director.

###

MC/DSL