

PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent

To: Pascack Valley Regional High School District Parents/Guardians

From: P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent of Schools



Date: December 14, 2011

RE: **Apprehension and Information Regarding Attempted Child Abductor**

Several weeks ago, our district passed along information warning parents of an attempted child abduction that had taken place in Montvale and other surrounding municipalities. Last week, the Montvale Police Department, in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and several other police departments in Bergen County, announced that they had apprehended a suspect, Shahan Achian, of Upper Saddle River. (See photo insert)

Mr. Achian is currently facing six counts of attempting to lure a child and has been released on bail, pending trial. Police are continuing their investigation and asking parents if Mr. Achian has approached their children, either on the street **or online**. According to authorities, Mr. Achian has a presence on Facebook and has referred to himself as "Shahan Situation."



If you or your child has any information regarding Mr. Achian, you are encouraged to contact the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office at 201-646-2300.

While the police will be focusing patrol efforts in and around the schools, this unfortunate occurrence reminds us of the need to continue to educate our children on what to do if they are approached (physically or online) by a stranger or anyone making inappropriate advances toward them.