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Dear Neighbors,

Last week I watched 2 high school students park on Michigan and hang a visitor parking permit on their rear view mirror. They got out, read the permit parking sign aloud, proclaimed they were ok, and proceeded to school, backpacks in hand. I took down all information I could & emailed Ruth Harper (Transportation, City of Santa Monica). She contacted the permit owner & followed up with me later. We don't know if it was counterfeit or what, but I haven't seen them since. I've also spoken to several neighbors who have witnessed similar incidents of high school students parking in permit-only areas of 9th/Michigan.

If you witness someone parking in a permit-only zone who is clearly a student & is using a parking permit, here is what we've been advised to do:

- 1 - write down the permit number
- 2 - email permit # to Ruth Harper at ruth-harper@santa-monica.org or call Ruth Harper at (310) 458-8292 and give her the permit # (she prefers email)

(Where's the permit number? On the permit which is either hanging from the rear view mirror inside the car, or attached to the bumper outside the car.)

Although rare, there may be instances when a student is actually a resident/neighbor & so can legitimately park here using their permit. Ruth Harper will be able to research this and if valid, no harm done. Meanwhile, please try to be aware of this & help track down the perpetrators. Thanks.

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