

# Red-light hook

## Women lure truckers on CB

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PORTSMOUTH — Truckers may be stopping in town for more than a cup of coffee and tank of diesel.

Concerned resident and Neighborhood Watch participant Don Moreau alleges solicitation for prostitution is taking place on citizens band radios between truckers and two local women.

Moreau, who said he uses a CB as an inexpensive alternative to a cellular phone, claims that two women, using the handles "Blue Angel" and "Ski Bunny," proposition truckers on the CB and then meet them in town.

"There are two girls who know each other but work separately," Moreau said. He said one of the women drives a small sedan, the other a pickup truck. He said they use channel 19 to advertise themselves and ask if anybody wants "commercial company."

When the truckers ask if the

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"commercial company" is going to cost them, the women reply "yes, but we can talk about that when we meet," Moreau said.

Moreau said he has listened to conversations between the women and truckers who were traveling on Interstate 95 and Interstate 495 and truckers who were at area truck stops. He also claims to have heard the women make offers of certain services for \$10 and boast about nightly earnings of up to \$600.

If there are any takers, the women ask the truckers to switch to channel 25 where introductions are made and directions given, Moreau said.

The women usually direct the truckers to a restaurant parking lot located at the Portsmouth traffic circle, he said.

From there, the truckers follow the women to lots on Borthwick Avenue or at the Newington Mall, or areas on Route 33, Moreau said.

"One of my biggest concerns is that many of the truckers get lost trying to follow directions over the CB and end up driving their 18-wheelers through residential neighborhoods," he said.

Moreau, who has followed the women with his car while they were "conducting business," said he has witnessed several "close call" accidents.

A security guard at one of the businesses on Borthwick Avenue said he witnessed and filmed the encounters taking place in the parking lot of his business.

The guard, who did not want his name published, also said the women drive a small sedan and a pickup, but said he is unsure if there are two women or just one.

"I don't think she is trying to hide anything," he said. "It is just about a nightly occurrence. She pulls in and a truck pulls in after her. She climbs into the truck. After about 15 minutes she gets out and they go their separate ways. I have filmed all of it with security

surveillance cameras."

Moreau said he has written letters to the Federal Communications Commission explaining the situation, contacted police several times and called Mayor Eileen Foley.

"The police don't seem interested in doing anything about this," he said. "I have told them everything, but the women are still working."

Moreau also said that the women have complained to the police that he is stalking them.

The security guard said he has left messages with the police and offered his videotapes for their use, but he has had no response.

Capt. Adam Price said that the station is aware that "suspicious activity" may be taking place, but said he could not comment on the investigation.

Foley, who heard about the situation only on Thursday, said she was going to talk to Chief William Burke about it.