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Timely Warning

SUBJECT: Battery
CR# #19-0937
DATE OF INCIDENT: Monday, August 5, 2019
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NARRATIVE:

The University of Florida Police Department is currently investigating a battery that was reported to have occurred Monday, August 5th, 2019, at approximately 5:52 AM north of Garage 9, 1995 SW Archer Road. According to the victim, she was walking north from the garage when a male grabbed her from behind. The victim was able to run away, and the male suspect fled back towards the garage.

The suspect is described as possibly a Hispanic male, early 20's, 5'6"-5'7" tall, wearing a tan shirt, gray shorts, and black baseball cap.

In the interest of public safety, the UFPD is notifying the community of this incident, while they continue their investigation. Additionally, anyone with information about the incident, was in the area at the time, or who may know the man's identity is asked to call the University of Florida Police Department at 352-392-1111 or use the UFPD Silent Witness link at: <https://police.ufl.edu/contact/silent-witness/>. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP (7867).

The UFPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.

If you become a victim of crime, please contact law enforcement immediately by calling 9-1-1.

Immediately report any suspicious person or activity to law enforcement.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

Do not allow anyone to follow you in your residence as you enter.

Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, or entryways.

If possible, walk with others to your destination.

If you observe any suspicious person or activity, immediately contact law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Lt. Jacob Pruitt at (352) 392-1409. If after hours, please call (352) 392-1111 or # **UFPD (#8373)** and ask to speak to a Patrol Supervisor. Lt. Pruitt can also be reached via e-mail at: jrpruitt@ufl.edu or see the UFPD webpage at <http://www.police.ufl.edu>.

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