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# Timely Warning

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**SUBJECT:** Strong Arm Robbery Attempt in the City of Gainesville  
**CR#** GPD CR# 19-0020562  
**DATE OF INCIDENT:** Wednesday, December 11, 2019  
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**NARRATIVE:**

Gainesville Police Department is working a reported Strong Arm Robbery attempt in the vicinity of SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and SW 13<sup>th</sup> St.

The victim reported that the suspect attempted to steal her dog by grabbing it and then pushed the victim. The suspect was unable to escape with the victim's dog. The suspect was described as a White/Male, 6'00", about 40 yoa, heavy build, wearing a khaki jacket, a hat, and black jeans. The suspect was last seen headed north from the 100 block of SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street at approximately 2:15 pm today.

In the interest of public safety, the UFPD is notifying the community of this incident. 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 Gainesville Police Department at 352-955-1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP (7867).

**The University of Florida firmly believes that a crime victim is never responsible for another person's abuse or criminal conduct. 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 Major Brad Barber at (352) 273-3309. If after hours, please call (352) 392-1111 or # **UFPD** (#8373) and ask to speak to a Patrol Supervisor. Major Barber can also be reached via e-mail at: [wbarber@ufl.edu](mailto:wbarber@ufl.edu) or see the UFPD webpage at <http://www.police.ufl.edu>.

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