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Timely Warning

SUBJECT: Off-Campus Robbery
CR# GPD CR#20-0003810
DATE OF INCIDENT: Sunday, March 8th, 2020
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NARRATIVE:

In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (the "Clery Act"), 20 U.S.C. 1092 (f), the University of Florida issues timely notices to notify the campus community of Clery Act crimes or other serious incidents that UF determines represent a serious and ongoing threat to the campus community and associated properties. These Timely Warnings are issued upon receipt of information required to assess and confirm the nature of the potential threat.

The following information was reported to the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) and is being distributed to the campus community due to the crime's close proximity to the University of Florida campus:

Gainesville Police Department is working a reported robbery in the vicinity of the Campus Walk Condominiums, 914 SW 8th Avenue. At approximately 3:40 a.m., the victim was approached by the suspect outside of his apartment. After a brief encounter, the victim was physically knocked down by the suspect. The suspect then took the victim's wallet and cash and fled on foot in an unknown direction travel.

The victim described the suspect as a black male, small build, wearing a grey shirt, and black pants. The suspects' height and weight are unknown.

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 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.

Please report criminal incident and suspicious activities/individuals **immediately** to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy or sense something is wrong, do what you can to get out of that situation or call for assistance.

Safely intervene and/or call for help if you witness disrespectful or inappropriate behavior, or a violent crime.

Plan in advance: discuss how you might do this in conversations with your friends, using different scenarios, when you aren't facing a potential crisis.

If someone is behaving disrespectfully or making you feel uncomfortable, take steps to remove yourself from the situation early, especially if you are concerned it may become physical.

Avoid walking alone if at all possible.

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! Your voice and body are your best weapons. Learn effective ways to use them by taking a self-defense class such as the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) and always consider bringing a friend with you.

Stay in well-lit areas, away from alleys, bushes, and entryways.

If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting close to the individual or vehicle

If a vehicle appears to be following you, turn and walk in the opposite direction. You should go to a location where other people are and get assistance.

Always try to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

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 or see the UFPD webpage at <http://www.police.ufl.edu>.

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