SUBJECT: Attempted Residential Burglary and Armed Robbery

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NARRATIVE:

Under the Clery Act, the University of Florida issues Timely Warning messages regarding Clery Act crimes which pose a serious and continuing threat to the campus community.

The University of Florida Police Department was notified by the Gainesville Police Department of an attempted residential burglary that took place this morning, Sunday, October 31, 2021, at 3:47 a.m. near the area of NW 16th St and NW 4th Ave. A victim answered a knock at his front door. When the victim opened the door, an unknown black male was standing in the doorway pointing a handgun at him. The victim quickly slammed the front door, and the male fled. The suspect was described as a slim black male, approximately 5’8”, wearing a black hoodie, and black sweatpants, in possession of a black pistol, at the time of the incident. Approximately 15 minutes later, another victim was walking in the area of NW 15th St and NW 3rd Ave when a black SUV stopped in front of him. Two unknown black males exited the vehicle each holding a handgun. The suspects then pistol whipped the victim, and stole his necklace, and phone. The suspects then fled the scene in the black SUV. Law Enforcement searched the area for the suspects involved, but were unable to locate.

It is believed that attempted armed residential burglary and armed robbery are related.

If you have any information about this incident, please contact the Gainesville Police Department at 352-393-7744 or via email at pagedj@cityofgainesville.org.

The University of Florida Police Department and the University of Florida firmly believe that no action or inaction makes any person responsible for another person’s abuse or criminal conduct. These safety tips and information are provided to assist members of the UF community.

If you believe you encounter or see the suspect in this case, call the Gainesville Police Department at 352-393-7744 immediately.

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.
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 you would like to discuss personal safety information or safety information for your academic or business area please contact the University of Florida Police Department at 352-392-1111.

Information regarding support resources, services and programs at the University of Florida can be found at: https://police.ufl.edu/clery/victim-resources

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