For the protection and safety of ESF students, faculty, staff and neighbors, ESF University Police releases the following alert initially aired by S.U. DPS:

**OFF CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL ARMED ROBBERY – SPD Case # 15-492774**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at approximately 11:26 p.m. – 200 Block of Ostrom Ave.**

Three students reported an armed robbery that occurred off campus. The students reported while at home in their off campus apartment, located several blocks off campus in the 200 block of Ostrom Ave, they heard a knock at their front door, when they opened the door, two unknown males, wearing surgical masks pushed their way into the apartment. Both suspects displayed handguns and a knife, demanded the victim's car keys, wallets and cell phones. The suspects fled the scene in the victim's vehicle in an unknown direction. The proceeds from the robbery were recovered shortly after by the SPD off campus in the City of Syracuse. No injuries were reported.

DPS asks your help in identifying the suspects if you were in the vicinity at the time of the incident. For this purpose, the following is the description of the suspects:

2 Males, late 20's, 5'10 to 6'0 tall, 160 lbs, both suspects were wearing black hooded sweatshirts, black pants, surgical masks, and displayed handguns and knife.

For an interactive map of the incident location, refer to the Campus Alerts 2015 Google Map link at:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zKhNvJ3IHS7I.kpMr654-u-tY&usp=sharing

If anyone has any information regarding this incident or others, please contact the Syracuse Police Department at 315-442-5222 or the Syracuse University Department of Public Safety at 315-443-2224. If you would like to anonymously report NON-EMERGENCY information for DPS, you can use the Silent Witness tool, available at:

http://publicsafety.syr.edu/html/silent_witness.html

**FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMEMBER:**

--After dark, take advantage of the free safety escort services available through the Department of Public Safety. Both walking and shuttle services are available to students, staff, and faculty at SU or SUNY-ESF. Call 443-SAFE (7233) for more information about these services.

--Take advantage of the CENTRO and Ultimate Arrival bus services. Taxi services are also available.

--Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more, away from bushes, cars, and other objects a suspect could hide behind.

--Plan your walking travel times by avoiding late to early morning hours.

--Be aware of your surroundings: look and listen. Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.

--Travel in well-lit and populated areas.

--Keep porch lights on at night.
--Don’t approach strangers or let them get close to you.

--If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Go toward an open business or lighted house.

--Have your house or car keys in hand before you reach your door.

--Know where campus blue light alarms are and how to use them.

--If someone tries to rob you, don’t resist. Give up your property, not your life.

--If you are in a safe place to do so, attempt to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicles or license plate numbers.

IMMEDIATELY report emergencies or suspicious activities, persons and vehicles.

For ESF UPD dial 470-6666/67, for Public Safety dial 315-443-2224 or #78 (from a cell phone); if you are in a situation where you cannot safely make a phone call, send a text message to 711@syr.edu; for Syracuse Police dial 911.

Your quick reporting may help prevent others from becoming victims.

This Public Safety Notice is issued for your safety in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act.

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