The ESF University Police Department is releasing the following information for the protection and safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Off-Campus Robbery

Two students reported to the Syracuse Police Department that they were robbed Thursday, August 25, 2011, at 2:24 am in the 1000 block of Lancaster Avenue. The victims report that they were approached by two unknown male suspects who displayed a knife and demanded money from the victims. The suspects then fled on foot, northbound on Lancaster Avenue. The victims were not injured during the incident.

SU DPS asks for your help in identifying the suspects if you were in the vicinity at the time of these incidents. For this purpose, the following is the description of the suspects: Suspect #1: male, black, 5'7” tall, medium build, last seen wearing a red hooded sweatshirt and black pants. Suspect #2: male, black, medium build, last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and black pants.

For an interactive map of the incident location, refer to the link at http://publicsafety.syr.edu

Seeking information...

If anyone has any information regarding this incident or others, please contact the Syracuse Police Department @ 442-5222 Or SU Department of Public Safety @ 443-2224 Or ESF University Police @ 470-6667...or you can anonymously leave NON-EMERGENCY information for SU DPS by clicking on the updated version of “Silent Witness” at http://publicsafety.syr.edu/students/silent_witness.html

Safety Tips:

- On campus after dark, use DPS’ free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free). Call 443-2224 for more information about these services.
- Use Centro Bus or taxi service.
- Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more-away from bushes, cars and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
- Look and listen. Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
· Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.
· 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 "Blue Light" phones are and how to use them.
· If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property, not your life.
· Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle and tag number.

IMMEDIATELY report emergencies or suspicious activities, persons and vehicles to SU's Department of Public Safety (Dial 711 from campus and #78 from cell phones), ESF University Police (Dial 470-6667) or the Syracuse Police Department at 911.

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