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

Off Campus Strong Arm Robbery
Tuesday-09/27/2011-700 Block Maryland Avenue

An SU student reported that at 8:40 pm he was approached by two unknown males while walking in the 700 block of Maryland Avenue. The two males pushed the student to the ground, took property, and fled on foot eastbound on Redfield place. The student sustained abrasions to his knee. In addition to this latest incident, the Syracuse Police Department is actively investigating a number of similar incidents that have occurred in the outlying east neighborhood area involving non-students. University community members are encouraged to follow the safety tips listed below.

The Syracuse Police asks your help in identifying the suspects if you were in the vicinity at the time of this incident. For this purpose, the following is the description of the suspects: #1. male, black, late teens-early 20s, 5’09-5’10 med. build, last seen wearing dark colored pants, dark hooded sweatshirt. Suspect: #2 male, black, med. build, dark pants and a dark hooded sweatshirt (no logo) 5’9-5’10.

If anyone has any information regarding this or any other incident, you are encouraged to contact the Syracuse Police Department at 442-5222, SUDPS at 443-2224 or SUNY ESF.
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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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