The following information is being released on behalf of Syracuse University;

**SU's Department of Public Safety (DPS) releases the following alert:**

**OFF-CAMPUS STRONG ARM ROBBERY**

Saturday, September 01, 2012 at 1220 pm

On Saturday, September 1, 2012 at about 1220 pm in the 600 Block of University Avenue a person not affiliated with SU was the victim of a strong arm robbery. The victim was approached by an unknown male who grabbed her purse yanking it off her left arm and then fled on foot last seen heading north on University Avenue. The victim did not sustain any injuries as a result.

**DPS asks for your help in identifying a suspect if you were in the vicinity at the time of the incident. For this purpose, the following is the description of the suspect:** Suspect # 1: male, white early 30’s with a bald head, wearing an orange shirt with either white lettering or white stripe on it, medium build.

For an interactive map of the incident location, refer to the Google Map link at: [Campus Alerts 2012](http://publicsafety.syr.edu/html/campusalerts.html)

**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 you can anonymously leave NON-EMERGENCY information for SU DPS by clicking on the updated version of “Silent Witness” at [http://publicsafety.syr.edu/html/silent_witness.html](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 Caz Limo 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.
- 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 Public Safety dial 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.*

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
- Department of Public Safety
- 005 Sims Hall
- Phone: 443-2224
- Email:
- URL: [http://publicsafety.syr.edu/students/silent_witness.html](http://publicsafety.syr.edu/students/silent_witness.html)