The following information is being sent on behalf of Syracuse University:

For the protection and safety of Syracuse University & SUNY-ESF students, faculty, staff and neighbors, SU's Department of Public Safety (DPS) releases the following alert:

**Robbery**

Saturday, December 15, 2012—401 Van Buren Street

On Saturday, December 15, 2012, at or about 2:00 am, three students reported that they were approached by an unknown man while they were outside of a residence hall patio area located at 401 Van Buren Street, Brewster/Boland/Brockway Halls. The students state that the suspect displayed a knife and demanded their property, which consisted of money, a debit card, SUID, and cell phone. The students did not sustain any injuries. The suspect then fled on foot in a southwest direction away from campus.

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: The suspect is described as male, black, 5’ 6”, medium build, 18-22 years of age last seen wearing dark clothing, a dark hooded sweatshirt with writing on the back and the left front of the hooded sweatshirt.

For an interactive map of the incident location, refer to the Google Map link at [Campus Alerts 2012](#).
Seeking information

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 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.
- 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.
- If you are in a safe place to do so, try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle & tag number.

Your quick report may help prevent others from becoming victims.