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

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

STRONG ARM ROBBERY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

On Saturday, January 19, 2013, at approximately 3:25 a.m., a student reported being robbed by an unknown male outside 401 Van Buren Street. The student reports he was walking south between the VA Hospital and the Brewster Boland Residence Hall complex when he was approached from behind by the suspect and knocked to the ground. The student stated that the suspect threatened to use a knife against him and demanded the student's property which consisted of a wallet, money, credit card, SUID, and key. No weapon was displayed. The student did not sustain any injuries. The suspect then fled on foot in a southwest direction towards Van Buren Street 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: male, black, 5’ 11”, 160-180lbs, last seen wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and gray ski mask.

For an interactive map of the incident location, refer to the Campus Alerts 2013 Google Map link:

https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msa=0&msid=214595437229051476012.0004d3421be2097b85ab1

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, use the Silent
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 315-443-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.
- 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 “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 reporting may help prevent others from becoming victims.

Questions? Contact:
- Department of Public Safety
- 005 Sims Hall
- Phone: 315-443-2224
- URL: [http://publicsafety.syr.edu/html/silent_witness.html](http://publicsafety.syr.edu/html/silent_witness.html)