For the protection and safety of the EFS campus community, the Syracuse University Department of Public Safety releases the following alert:

OFF CAMPUS ATTEMPTED STRONGARM ROBBERY – SPD Case # 14-568013

Thursday, December 11, 2014 at approximately 12:30 p.m. – intersection of Euclid and Ackerman Ave.

A student reported an unknown male attempted to rob her near the intersection of Euclid and Ackerman Ave. The student reports she was walking westbound on Euclid Ave. when she was approached by the suspect who was walking eastbound towards her. The victim had her cell phone in her right hand and the suspect tried to forcibly take her phone. A struggle ensued and the victim was able to maintain control of her phone. The suspect then pushed the victim into a snowbank and fled the scene on foot heading eastbound away from campus. The victim did not sustain any injuries and there was no threat of a weapon.

DPS asks your help in identifying the 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, approximately 5’ 11 tall, approximately 20 years of age, no facial hair wearing dark blue sweatpants, dark sneakers and a gray hooded sweatshirt with the hood up, no further description.

For an interactive map of the incident location, refer to the Campus Alerts 2014 Google Map link at:

https://www.google.com/maps/ms?msid=214595437229051476012.0004ef76644f4d8bf394c&msa=0

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 Ultimate Arrival 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.

--Plan your walking travel times by avoiding late to early morning hours.

--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 315-443-2224 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.

*This Public Safety Notice is issued for your safety in compliance with the Jeanne Clary Act.*