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For the protection and safety of ESF students, faculty, staff and neighbors, the ESF UPD releases the following information reported by the S.U. Department of Public Safety:

**OFF CAMPUS FORCIBLE TOUCHING – DPS Case # 15-435800**

**Sunday, August 30, 2015 at approximately 2:00 a.m. – 800 block of Walnut Ave., between Marshall St. and E. Adams St.**

A student reported being forcibly touched by an unknown male in the 800 block of Walnut Ave., between Marshall St. and E. Adams St. The student reports she was walking alone behind her off campus residence on Walnut Ave., when she was approached by the suspect. The suspect approached the student from behind and forcibly grabbed the student's buttocks and private area. The suspect fled on foot and was last seen heading north on Walnut Ave away from campus. The student did not sustain any injuries.

**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' 6" tall, heavy build, light brown hair, late teens, no further description available.

For an interactive map of the incident location, refer to the Campus Alerts 2015 Google Map link at:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zKhNvJ3lHS7l.kpMr654-u-tY&usp=sharing>

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](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 ESF University Police dial 470-6667 or 6667 from any phone on campus**, for S. U. 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](mailto: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 Clery Act.*

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