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For the protection and safety of ESF students, faculty, staff and neighbors, the ESF UPD rebroadcasts a Department of Public Safety alert:

OFF CAMPUS ATTEMPTED STRONG-ARM ROBBERY – SPD Case # 15-514535

Friday, October 23, 2015 at approximately 7:00 p.m. – 708 Lancaster Ave.

A student reported an attempted strong arm robbery that occurred off campus. The student reports he was walking northbound in the 700 block of Lancaster Ave. when he was approached from behind by four unknown males on bicycles. One of the suspects attempted to grab the student's cellphone from his hand. The student was then punched in the back of his head, causing him to fall to the ground, sustaining a small laceration to his hand. The suspects fled the scene on bicycles heading north on Lancaster Ave, then east on Clarendon Street, away from campus. The student refused medical attention. There was no property stolen and no threat of a weapon.

DPS asks your help in identifying the suspects if you were in the vicinity at the time of the incident. For this purpose, the following is the description of the suspects:

4 Males, 16 years of age, all suspects had on hooded sweatshirts, one was orange, one was red and one was black, all had dark pants on, no further description.

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?hl=en&authuser=0&mid=zKhNvJ3IHS7I.kpMr654-u-tY>

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 walking service available through ESF UPD. The Department of Public Safety also offers safety escorts to include 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 UPD, call 470-6666/67, 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 Clery Act.

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