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For the protection and safety of ESF students, faculty, staff and neighbors, the ESF University Police Department releases the following alert:

OFF CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL ARMED ROBBERY – SPD Case # 16-291688

Friday, May 20, 2016 at approximately 11:15 p.m. – 700 block Lancaster Ave.

Two individuals not affiliated with SU reported an armed robbery that occurred off campus. The victims reported while at home in their residence, located several blocks off campus in the 700 block of Lancaster Ave, three unknown males walked into their residence through an unsecured/open front door. The victims were ordered to the floor by the suspects who were all brandishing handguns. The suspects stole cash and a backpack from the victims. The suspects fled the scene on foot heading south on Lancaster Ave, away from campus. No injuries reported.

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:

3 Males, 18 to 23 years of age, two suspects had on black hooded sweatshirts, 6' tall and thin build, and one suspect had on a grey hooded sweatshirt, 5' 9" tall, stocky build wearing a white bandana covering his face. No further description.

For an interactive map of the incident location, refer to the Campus Alerts 2016 Google Map link at:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?hl=en&authuser=0&mid=1uzS6goH3aX9H7S_wyzccWkv5x3s

If anyone has any information regarding this incident or others, please contact the Syracuse Police Department at 315-442-5222, the ESF University Police at 470-6667, 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.

--Download the LiveSafe app on your Android or iOS smart phone. The app provides a virtual escort feature you can use with friends and quick links to important public safety information. Set the app to Syracuse University and sign up with your syr.edu email address!

--Take advantage of the CENTRO and Birnie 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 Clery Act.

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