Yesterday, University Police received the following complaint. Please review the message and take necessary precautions.

On Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at approximately 7:30 p.m., two members of our campus community were in ESF Parking Lot 22 when they were approached by a woman who requested a ride to a gas station. The pair agreed to help the woman. While en route, the woman changed her story and insisted she be dropped off at a different location. The woman departed upon arrival, but not before demanding money from the good Samaritans. No physical force was used.

The woman is described as a black woman, early to mid 50’s, wearing white clothes, and her hair was in a ponytail. She claimed to be a nurse.

In recent months, situations like the above have occurred multiple times and effected both SUNY ESF and SU community members alike.

Remember, by allowing strangers into your vehicle, you are taking an enormous risk. You are under no obligation to provide transportation or money to strangers and saying a firm “NO” is the best course of action. Using good situational awareness and discretion can help you avoid uncomfortable or even dangerous situations. When in doubt or if other suspicious incidents occur, please contact law enforcement for assistance.

Thank you and stay safe. UPD- 315 470 6666/7.

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