Northern Kentucky University Police Department

TIMELY WARNING

The purpose of a Timely Warning is to inform students and employees of any serious or continuing threat resulting from the occurrence of a Clery reportable criminal offense on university property, on immediately accessible public property, or in a non-campus or satellite location operated or controlled by the university. Timely warnings must be issued in a manner likely to reach the entire campus community. Therefore, common means of communication include text messaging and email notifications, in conjunction with the RAVE Alert notification system. However, many emergencies may be far more localized. In those instances, notifications may be tailored exclusively to the segment of the campus at risk.

Pursuant to the emergency notification requirement added to the Jeanne Clery Act in 2008, the Northern Kentucky University Police Department is notifying the campus community of the following occurrence:

Offense Classification: Assault 4th Degree

Offense Location: Nunn Drive, near the roundabout, proximate to the Welcome Center

Date and Time of Offense: 02/18/2016; approximately 4:31 pm

Suspect[s] Description: The suspect was described by the victim as a white male, approximately 5 ft. 8” in height, weighing approximately 180 pounds, with short brown hair, wearing a white ball cap. He was also wearing headphones and carrying a gray and black backpack bearing an NKU logo.

Suspect Weapon Description: None

Suspect Vehicle Description: None

NARRATIVE:

On 02/18/2016, at approximately 4:31 pm, Northern Kentucky University Police responded to the scene of an assault. The victim informed police that while walking on Nunn Drive, near the roundabout, proximate to the Welcome Center, he asked the above described suspect for directions. Without provocation, the suspect used his fist to strike the victim’s face a single time, resulting in physical injury. The suspect fled on foot, in an unknown direction, and has not been identified or apprehended. The University Police Department is conducting a preliminary criminal investigation and can be contacted at 859-572-5500.
SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS:

• The Northern Kentucky University Police Department would like to take this opportunity to encourage all campus and community stakeholders to immediately report any unusual or suspicious activities at 859-572-5500, and observe the following precautions:
• Without unnecessary delay, report any direct or inferred threats to your personal safety, to University Police, by phoning 859-572-5500 or 911.
• Be observant for signs of potential aggression in others; reddening of the face and neck; threatening language; rolling-up shirt sleeves; removing a jacket or eyeglasses; clenching of the fists; flaring nostrils; narrowing of the eyes; lowering the chin; possessing actual or makeshift weapons; and factual knowledge of previous violent behavior.
• Whenever possible, attempt to avoid physical confrontations by diffusing the aggressive behavior of others; lowering your voice and avoiding name calling and incendiary language; not invading the personal space of others; keeping a bladed posture; watching the hands of other persons; whenever possible, safely retreating from potentially violent situations.
• Whenever possible, travel during daylight hours and in groups; when traveling at night, do so in well-lighted areas and in groups.
• Avoid posting incendiary comments on social media sites; avoid responding to incendiary social media postings.
• If intervening in any situation to prevent violence toward another person, do so only to the extent that does not make you vulnerable to violence; often, phoning the police or yelling, “Stop, the police are on the way!” is sufficient to prevent or stop an assault.
• Defending yourself physically is legally authorized only to the extent that is reasonable and necessary to prevent physical injury or serious physical injury during a physical encounter you did not initiate and could not practically avoid by retreating; whenever forced to apply force for purposes of self-defense, one is obligated, without unnecessary delay, to notify University Police; if the encounter occurs at a location off campus, one is obligated, without unnecessary delay, to notify local police.
• If under legal age, avoid consumption of alcoholic beverages.
• If of legal age, avoid or be judicious in the consumption of alcoholic beverages; never combine alcoholic beverages with prescription medications.
• Avoid using illegal drugs or prescription medications of others.
• Trust your instincts; if any situation makes you uncomfortable, immediately notify University Police; if off campus, immediately notify local police by phoning 911.