The University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) is currently investigating an armed robbery incident that took place early Saturday morning, October 27, 2012 but was not reported until Saturday afternoon. Due to the nature of the incident and the difference between when it occurred and when it was reported, the UFPD is providing this Timely Warning.

The victim reported to UFPD that at approximately 1:15 am on Saturday, October 27, 2012 she was walking on the northeast side of Bryan Hall when she was approached by an unknown male individual. She then indicated the individual brandished a knife and demanded she give him her belongings. After she gave the individual her belongings, she fled on foot and was not harmed by the individual. After discussing the incident with friends, she decided to report the incident to police.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 25-30 years old, 6'01" height, 250 pounds and heavyset, brown hair but balding. The suspect is also said to have a full, long beard and a large tattoo believed to extend from his shoulder to his elbow on his right arm. During the incident the suspect was wearing a black shirt with cut off sleeves.

The UFPD would also like to remind everyone of these basic safety considerations:

Avoid walking alone. On campus, use the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol (SNAP), a safe campus escort service by calling 392-7627 (SNAP). SNAP operates from 8:30 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. throughout the week.

Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, and entryways.

Walk on the side of the street facing traffic.

If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting close to the car.

If a car appears to be following you, turn and walk in the opposite direction. You should go to a location where other people are and get assistance. Also be sure to call police.
Don't hitchhike and only accept rides from people you know well.

Always be alert and aware. If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

Always try to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Major Brad Barber at (352) 273-3309. If after hours, please call (352) 392-1111 (UFPD 8373) and ask to speak to a Patrol Supervisor. I can also be reached via e-mail at: wbarber@ufl.edu, or see the UFPD webpage at http://www.police.ufl.edu.

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