SUBJECT: Off Campus – Battery and Exposure of Sexual Organs

CR# GPD CR# 14-3648, 14-3828, 14-3947, and 14-4041

DATE OF INCIDENT: Wednesday, February 26, 2013 and Saturday, March 1, 2014

DATE OF RELEASE: Wednesday, March 5, 2014

NARRATIVE:

The following information was reported from the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) today and is being distributed to the campus community due to the crime’s close proximity to the University of Florida campus:

The GPD is currently investigating four occurrences of battery and exposure of sexual organs that took place on Saturday, February 22, 2014 after 3:00am, Wednesday, February 26, 2014 after 12:00pm, and Saturday, March 1, 2014 after 3:30am. The incidents took place between the 100 and 200 block of NW 17th St. and the 900 block of West University Avenue across from the University of Florida campus. According to information provided by the GPD, the victims were standing with their backs turned to the suspect when they suddenly felt that they were being urinated on (battery). When the victims confronted the suspect, he was found exposing himself and then left the area on foot after the confrontation.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 25-30 years of age, 6’ tall, medium to “chunky” build, short curly hair, dark complexion and was last seen wearing grey or dark hoodie and baggie jeans.

Anyone with information about the incident or who may know the man’s identity is asked to call the Gainesville Police Department at 352.955.1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352.372.STOP (7867).
The UFPD recognizes that violence of this nature is not the fault of the victim and is highly unusual. Consequently, the UFPD would like to remind everyone of these basic safety considerations:

Report suspicious activities or individuals immediately using 9.1.1

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

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

Avoid walking alone. On campus, use the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol (SNAP), a safe campus escort service by calling 352.392.7627 (SNAP).

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

If someone stops and asks for directions, avoid getting close to the individual.

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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