Additional Video and Composite Drawing Released of Possible Suspect in Recent Female Attacks

GAINESVILLE, FLA – Tuesday morning, investigators with the Gainesville Police Department and University of Florida Police Department released an additional video clip with footage showing the likely suspect of the recent attacks in and around UF campus. A composite drawing was also released, and is possibly of the same suspect.

In the video just released, the possible suspect can be seen walking east beside a parking lot behind the Stadium Club parking garage, picking up a road cone and throwing it into traffic in the 1800 block of NW 1st Avenue. The cone appears to hit a white vehicle traveling west just outside of the video frame. The suspect continues walking, then turns north onto NW 18th Street. Others around him are running due to the downpour, but he continues walking. Police are looking to speak with the driver or passengers of the vehicle that appear to have been struck with the road cone. The rest of the video has been previously released, but is now slightly enhanced.

Police also released a composite drawing of a person that may possibly be the suspect. The drawing was completed with information from residents near the 2000 block of SW 16th Street that were approached by a man the night of the first attack (August 30th, 2014). The man matched the description given by other victims and witnesses. Residents reported that the man was acting strange and was asking for directions. Investigators are not certain that the person depicted in the composite drawing is the suspect, but we would like to identify him.

If you have any information, police urge you to contact GPD Detectives at 352-393-7658. You can also make an anonymous tip with CrimeStoppers at 352-372-STOP. You may also text an anonymous tip by texting keyword “GPDL” plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES).

Although there have been no new incidents, police still urge caution. Be sure to walk in groups, be prepared to call for help, and always know your surroundings. Avoid dimly-lit alleyways and paths and use the emergency phones or the TapShield app while on UF campus. Call 9-1-1 to report an emergency while on or off campus.

The increased police presence in and around the University of Florida will continue.

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