SUBJECT: Update/Strong Arm Robbery
CR# 10-1061
DATE OF INCIDENT: May 31, 2010
DATE OF RELEASE: June 3, 2010
NARRATIVE:

During the initial report, the male victim reported that he was walking through the 13th Street pedestrian tunnel at approximately 3:00 am on May 31, 2010, when he observed three males in the tunnel. He told officers that as he was leaving the tunnel area, he was struck in the back of the head and fell to the ground. The alleged suspect(s) then took his possessions and left the area without any further contact with the victim.

University of Florida Police Detectives completed a follow up investigation of this incident. Detectives determined that the victim’s statements were inconsistent with the evidence obtained during the initial investigation and interviews. Detectives reinterviewed the victim and he confessed to making up the robbery due to being under the influence of narcotics at the time he reported the offense. The original robbery report is therefore unfounded.

A sworn complaint for filing a false police report will be completed against Brett M. House, a 19 year old Gainesville resident.

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Captain Jeff Holcomb at 352-392-1409, or after hours at 392-1111 or from your cell phone at (# UFPD (#8373). He can also be reached via e-mail at jholcomb@ufl.edu. This release is also available on the UFPD webpage at http://www.police.ufl.edu/.

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