SUBJECT:  Timely Warning-Exposure of Sexual Organs

CASE REPORT:  CR#16-0093, CR#16-0245, and CR#16-0251

DATE OF INCIDENT:  Wednesday, February 3, 2016

DATE OF RELEASE:  Thursday, February 4, 2016

The University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) is currently investigating three occurrences of exposure of sexual organs that took place on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 after 1:30pm, Thursday, January 14, 2016 after 12:00pm, and the most recent incident, Wednesday, February 3, 2016 after 11:30am. The incidents all took place in the area of the southwest stairwell of Garage 8 located near Norman Hall. According to the victims in these incidents, the suspect was observed exposing himself and, encountering the victim, he immediately left the area on foot. There has been no contact or threatening behavior between the suspect(s) and the victims in any these incidents.

The suspect in each of these incidents has been described as a black male, in his mid-20’s to mid-30’s, with average height and weight, and dark skinned. The suspect in the incident yesterday was described as a black male, in his early 20’s, 5’10 in height, with short hair. The individual was last seen wearing a grey tank top, grey shorts, dark high top shoes, and chain necklace.

The UFPD is also working closely with the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) who are investigating six similar incidents of an individual who has exposed himself at different locations from December of 2015 through the most recent incident occurring on January 20th. It was indicated that the suspect in these cases also closely matches the description of the suspect(s) involved in the UFPD incidents. These incidents have all occurred north of campus extending from the 1300 block of NW 3rd Ave. to the 1100 block of NW 23rd Ave. (See map below for detailed locations).
Anyone with information about any of these incidents or who may know the man’s identity is asked to call the GPD at 352.955.1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES) or UFPD at 352.392.111. 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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