SUBJECT: Battery Incident
CASE REPORT: CR#16-0676
DATE OF INCIDENT: Tuesday, April 5, 2016
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The University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) is investigating a battery incident that was reported to have occurred in the University of Florida’s J. Wayne Reitz Union on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at approximately 6:40am. According to the victim, she was walking out of the elevator into the first floor foyer area when she noticed the suspect attempting to enter the elevator. Once the suspect passed by the victim, he grabbed her and pushed her against a wall of the foyer. After the victim struck the wall, the suspect spoke Spanish to the victim and quickly left the area on foot by way of an adjacent stairwell. After the suspect left the area, the victim then called police. At no time did the suspect brandish or indicate he had a weapon during this incident.

The suspect in this incident was described as a Hispanic male, tall, medium build, gray/dark hair, and unshaven. The suspect was last seen wearing blue jeans, an orange Skanska t-shirt, and a white construction hard hat. It was also indicated the suspect smelled of smoke.

Anyone with information about the incident or who may know the suspects’ identity is asked to call the University of Florida Police Department at 352.392.1111. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352.372.STOP (7867) or use the UFPD Silent Witness program at http://www.police.ufl.edu/wp-content/asp/secure_ufpd/silent_witness.aspx.

The UFPD recognizes that violence of this nature is not the fault of the victim. The UFPD would however like to remind everyone of these 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 if at all possible.
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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