TIMELY WARNING

The purpose of a Timely Warning is to inform students and employees of any serious or continuing threat resulting from the occurrence of a Clery reportable criminal offense on university property, on immediately accessible public property, or in a non-campus or satellite location operated or controlled by the university. Timely warnings must be issued in a manner likely to reach the entire campus community. Therefore, common means of communication include text messaging and email notifications, in conjunction with the RAVE Alert notification system. However, many emergencies may be far more localized. In those instances, notifications may be tailored exclusively to the segment of the campus at risk.

Pursuant to the emergency notification requirement added to the Jeanne Clery Act in 2008, the Northern Kentucky University Police Department is notifying the campus community of the following occurrence:

Offense Classification: Assault 4th Degree

Offense Location: Hilltop Drive near Johns Hill Road

Date and Time of Offense: 02/28/2016; sometime during the night.

Suspect[s] Description: The suspect was described by the victim as a white male, approximately 6 ft. in height with short dark hair and thick bushy eyebrows; in his early 20’s; physically fit. Suspect was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, tennis shoes and light colored jeans.

Suspect Weapon Description: None

Suspect Vehicle Description: None

NARRATIVE:

On 03/03/2016, at approximately 5:31 pm, Northern Kentucky University Police met with a female student who reported she had been assaulted near campus on the night of 2/28/16. The victim informed police that while walking near Hilltop Drive, she was grabbed from behind. The victim said the suspect grabbed her like bear hug. During the struggle the victim was able to get turned around and face the suspect. The suspect then used his left fist to strike the victim’s face a single time, resulting in physical injury. The suspect fled on foot in an unknown direction, and has not been identified or apprehended. The University Police Department is conducting a preliminary criminal investigation and can be contacted at 859-572-5500.
SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The Northern Kentucky University Police Department would like to take this opportunity to encourage all campus and community stakeholders to immediately report any unusual or suspicious activities at 859-572-5500, and observe the following precautions:
- Without unnecessary delay, report any direct or inferred threats to your personal safety, to University Police, by phoning 859-572-5500 or 911.
- Be observant for signs of potential aggression in others; reddening of the face and neck; threatening language; rolling-up shirt sleeves; removing a jacket or eyeglasses; clenching of the fists; flaring nostrils; narrowing of the eyes; lowering the chin; possessing actual or makeshift weapons; and factual knowledge of previous violent behavior.
- Whenever possible, attempt to avoid physical confrontations by diffusing the aggressive behavior of others; lowering your voice and avoiding name calling and incendiary language; not invading the personal space of others; keeping a bladed posture; watching the hands of other persons; whenever possible, safely retreating from potentially violent situations.
- Whenever possible, travel during daylight hours and in groups; when traveling at night, do so in well-lighted areas and in groups.
- Avoid posting incendiary comments on social media sites; avoid responding to incendiary social media postings.
- If intervening in any situation to prevent violence toward another person, do so only to the extent that does not make you vulnerable to violence; often, phoning the police or yelling, “Stop, the police are on the way!” is sufficient to prevent or stop an assault.
- Defending yourself physically is legally authorized only to the extent that is reasonable and necessary to prevent physical injury or serious physical injury during a physical encounter you did not initiate and could not practically avoid by retreating; whenever forced to apply force for purposes of self-defense, one is obligated, without unnecessary delay, to notify University Police; if the encounter occurs at a location off campus, one is obligated, without unnecessary delay, to notify local police.
- If under legal age, avoid consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- If of legal age, avoid or be judicious in the consumption of alcoholic beverages; never combine alcoholic beverages with prescription medications.
- Avoid using illegal drugs or prescription medications of others.
- Trust your instincts; if any situation makes you uncomfortable, immediately notify University Police; if off campus, immediately notify local police by phoning 911.