Off-Campus Attempted Robbery, HPD Case # 2011-022230

TIMELY NOTIFICATION BULLETIN
Possible Threat to the Community
"Your Right to Know"
March 29, 2011

OFFENSE: Attempted Robbery
LOCATION: 171 Burgess Rd.
TIME Monday, March 28, 2011 at approximately 7:30 PM
SUSPECT(S Hispanic male, late teens to early 20’s, with short hair and a mole on his face.

In compliance with the "Timely Notice" provisions of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998 the James Madison University Police Department is giving notice of an attempted robbery that occurred in the 100 block of Burgess Road.

The Harrisonburg Police Department is investigating an attempted robbery that happened yesterday, March 28, 2011, around 7:30 p.m.

A female reported that while shopping in Walmart, 171 Burgess Road, an unknown male followed her around inside the store. As she exited the store and began walking toward her vehicle, the male demanded to have the victim’s car keys.

The offender is described as a short Hispanic male in his late teens or early 20’s with short hair. He also had a noticeable mole on his face and was last seen walking away in the parking lot.

No injuries were reported and nothing was taken during the incident.

JMU and the City of Harrisonburg want to encourage everyone in the Community to exercise good crime prevention strategies all the time and to make these good daily habits. Close and lock all exterior doors and windows at night and anytime the area is left unattended whether it be for 5 minutes or 5 days to go to class, go to the store, visit a friend or leave town for the holiday. Be particularly cautious about leaving ground level doors and windows unsecured and even individual room and office doors in complexes where multiple occupants have access to common areas inside the perimeter of the residential, administrative and academic facilities. This warning also extends to vehicles. Car windows should be up, car doors should be locked and valuable contents should be secured out of sight.

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Thank You and Stay Safe!