



JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY



JMU PD Case number 2007-0XXXX

TIMELY NOTIFICATION BULLETIN

Possible Threat to the Community

"Your Right to Know"

March 27, 2007

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 University Police are giving notice of a **disturbing act of violence** alleged to have occurred off campus several blocks southeast of James Madison University.

REPORTED OFFENSE LOCATION: Concerns and on-going incident where it has been alleged that a JMU female student was the victim of an **ABDUCTION AND SUBSEQUENT SEXUAL BATTERY**. The incident was reported to have been initiated along S. Main Street at the west end of the JMU "Quad" and continued to an off campus location where it has been alleged that the victim was subjected to a forcible sexual assault in a car at an unknown off campus location. **OFFENSE DATE:** 03-24-2007. **OFFENSE TIME:** Approximately 1:30a.m. **REPORT TO POLICE:** Delayed until the afternoon of March 27, 2007, at which time it was reported by a third party and not the alleged victim who wishes to remain anonymous at this time.

SUSPECTS: African-American male, description unreported, who called himself "Tony."

VEHICLE INFORMATION: Four Door Sedan, Dark in Color, no further information.

Alleged victim reported that she was the victim of an abduction and a sexual battery in the early morning hours of 03-24-07, while returning to campus on foot from a party at an off campus location. Victim alleged that while walking along S. Main St., a dark colored sedan pulled up and offered her a ride which she accepted. Once in the car the victim was driven to an off campus location despite her pleas to the contrary where she was the victim of a sexual battery. Following that the victim was driven back to her residence hall and released by the subject. The victim in this incident has relayed information only through a third party. The University however, is required by law to evaluate such cases and issue Timely Warnings to the community where warranted despite and sometimes contrary to the wishes of the alleged victim when there is the possibility of a threat to the community at large.

It can be assumed that conditions continue to exist that may pose a threat to members and guests of the community. It is the duty of the institution to warn of possible "dangerous conditions" on or near its campus, and at affiliate organizations off campus; an "affirmative duty" exists to warn persons associated with this university of possible peril at the hands of some third party or parties. Consider carefully whether your presence at or near this complex while unaccompanied could place you in danger. **The JMU Police wish to express the importance of reporting such incidents in a timely fashion.**

Please forward this notice to your colleagues and post it on appropriate bulletin boards in your area. If you have any information that might be helpful, contact the James Madison University Police by telephone at (540)568-6913 or in person at Anthony-Seeger Hall (University Police HQ). Alternative means of reporting are by e-mail publicsafety@jmu.edu, or anonymously through "Silent Witness," at: <http://www.jmu.edu/pubsafety/SilentWitness.shtml>.

Thank you.