

TIMELY NOTIFICATION BULLETIN
Possible Threat to the Community

"Your Right to Know"

April 18, 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 Campus Police are giving notice of a disturbing act of potential violence that reportedly occurred off-campus.

REPORTED OFFENSES: Multiple reports of the sounds of gun shots in the area.

LOCATION: Area of the 800 Block of Port Republic Road, Village Lane, Sully Court , Westport Village, and Louis Lane.

THE EVENT: According to the Harrisonburg Police Department, they received multiple complaints of the sound of shots fired in the area of the 800 Block of Port Republic Road, Village Lane, Sully Court, Westport Village and Louis Lane at approximately 04:15 AM on Wednesday, April 18, 2007. JMU students predominate as residents of the off-campus apartment house complexes that exist in this area. Harrisonburg Officers were dispatched to the areas of these multiple complaints but were unable to determine the source of the alleged sounds of gun fire. Information was shared with JMUPD on the evening of Wednesday, April 18, 2007 and thus relayed to the JMU Community immediately upon receipt.

SUSPECTS: No identifiable suspects or source of sounds of gun fire were found.

It can be assumed that conditions continue to exist that may pose a threat to members 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.

Anyone who has information related to this event, similar events or possible suspect information, please call Crime Solvers at 574-5050, contact the Harrisonburg Police at (540)434-4436; report in person at the Harrisonburg Public Safety Building Street, northwest corner of North Main and Elizabeth Streets; or on the web at the HPD "Contact Us" site: <http://www.ci.harrisonburg.va.us/index.php?id=299>.

The JMU Police Department can be notified by calling (540)568-6913; reporting in person the University Police Department Headquarters located in Anthony Seeger Hall at 821 South Main Street, Southwest corner of South Main Street and West Grace Street intersection; by e-mail publicsafety@jmu.edu, or anonymously through "Silent Witness," <http://www.jmu.edu/pubsafety/SilentWitness.shtml>.

Public safety recommendations emphasize the importance of being aware of one's surroundings, security of residences, the development of good personal safety habits and that you report any potential criminal or suspicious activity in a timely manner to public safety officials.

Thank you.