



JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY



Police Information in reference to an Off-Campus Incident – HPD CFS # 2007-037691

TIMELY NOTIFICATION BULLETIN

Possible Threat to the Community

"Your Right to Know"

May 31, 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 violence that reportedly occurred off-campus. The incident is alleged to have occurred in the parking lot of the Hunter's Ridge apartment complex located off of Port Republic Road. JMU students predominate as residents of the off-campus apartment house complexes that exist in this area. According to the victims, the alleged armed robbery occurred at approximately 1:00 a.m., Wednesday morning, May 30, 2007. The incident reportedly involved the use of a concealed weapon. The victims was allegedly approached by four or five perpetrators and ordered out of their vehicle.

REPORTED OFFENSE: ARMED ROBBERY (alleged attempt)

SUSPECTS: The suspects were described as four or five black males who, according to the complainant, were wearing "nice, layered, dark clothing." No further physical description of the suspects or identifying characteristics were provided.

THE EVENT: Two people reportedly were subjected to an attempted robbery by four or five black male suspects at approximately 1:00 a.m., Wednesday morning, May 30, 2007 in the parking lot of Hunter's Ridge Apartments. One of the alleged victims stated to the arriving Harrisonburg police officers that he and another person were confronted by four or five black males, one reported to have pulled a weapon. They had allegedly approached them and ordered one of the victims to get out of a sport utility vehicle. Instead of doing what he was told they alleged victim drove his Jeep Cherokee away from the scene without handing over any valuables, but hit a parked car while getting away. No one was reportedly injured in the incident. The matter is now under investigation by the Harrisonburg Police Criminal Investigations Division Personnel. Police have not said what type of weapon was brandished.

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.

If anyone 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.