



JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY



Off-Campus Incident of Attempted Sexual Assault – HPD CFS # 2008-013651

TIMELY NOTIFICATION BULLETIN

Possible Threat to the Community

"Your Right to Know"

February 24, 2008

OFFENSE: Attempted Sexual Assault

LOCATION: 1300 Block of Hunters Road, City of Harrisonburg

TIME: Early morning hours of Saturday, February 23, 2008, at approximately 03:00 AM.

SUSPECT: White College Aged Male, 6' Tall, 200 lbs, with no facial hair or glasses.

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 an incident reported to the Harrisonburg Police Department on Sunday night involving an alleged incident of attempted sexual assault that occurred over the weekend in the City of Harrisonburg.

The Harrisonburg Police Department advised that they received a complaint on Sunday evening, February 24, 2008 of an incident that occurred around 03:00 AM on Saturday, February 23, 2008 in the 1300 block of Hunters Road. Complainants advised that she was walking along Hunters Road when she approached a male subject in an unknown building breezeway and asked him for a cigarette, which he provided. Victim indicated that she spent approximately 30 minutes with the subject in the breezeway before he advised her that he wanted to go inside an apartment and have sex. Victim declined and attempted to walk away at which time she was thrown to the ground and suspect attempted to remove articles of her clothing. Victim indicated that she was punched in the face during the struggle but was able to break away from her attacker by kicking him in the groin and then ran from the area.

Suspect in this incident was described as follows:

College Aged White Male, 6' tall, with no facial hair or glasses.

The case is still being actively investigated by law enforcement. Members of the University community are urged to be vigilant and report any unusual circumstances and/or suspicious activities/persons. Until this investigation has been concluded 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 its property; an "affirmative duty" exists to warn of possible peril at the hands of some third party.

Anyone with information on this incident should call Harrisonburg Crime Solvers at 574-5050 or the Harrisonburg Police Department at 434-4436 or contact the James Madison University Police by telephone at (540)568-6911; in person at Anthony Seeger Hall, West Grace and South Main; by e-mail publicsafety@jmu.edu, or, if you wish, anonymously through "Silent Witness," at: <http://www.jmu.edu/pubsafety/SilentWitness.shtml>.

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