



# JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

## DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY



### Criminal Trespass – Residence Hall – JMUPD CFS # 2009-011819

#### TIMELY NOTIFICATION BULLETIN

Possible Threat to the Community

"Your Right to Know"

October 18, 2009

**OFFENSE: Criminal Trespass – Residence Hall**

**LOCATION: Hillside Hall Dormitory – Women’s Restroom**

**TIME: Saturday, October 17, 2009 at just before 11:00.**

**SUSPECT: Very dark skinned black male, approximately 5’9” – 6’0” tall, wearing all black clothing and having distinct verbal dialect.**

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 incident involving an alleged Criminal of Trespass into an on-campus residence hall.

The James Madison University Police Department is currently investigating an incident of alleged criminal trespass into Hillside Hall on the campus of JMU, on Saturday, October 17, 2009 shortly before 11:00. Female complainants report that a very dark skinned black male, approximately 5’9” – 6’0” tall, wearing all black clothing entered a women’s bathroom in Hillside Hall and opened the curtain while they were taking a shower. When confronted by the complainants the subject apologized and left the area on foot. Subject is described as having a distinct verbal dialect. Responding officers checked the building and area but were unable to locate the suspect at the time of the incident.

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 immediately to law enforcement.

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.

On-campus students are reminded to exercise safe practices in their dorms by keeping individual room and suite doors secured. Don’t share access codes with anyone and do not allow unknown individuals to piggyback into exterior doors to residence halls when you come or go. You should always report lost or missing JAC cards and/or keys to University officials as soon as possible.

Anyone with information on this incident should call 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](mailto:publicsafety@jmu.edu), or, if you wish, anonymously through “Silent Witness,” at: <http://www.jmu.edu/pubsafety/SilentWitness.shtml>.

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**Thank You and Stay Safe!**