



**DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Reckless Handling of a Firearm
Reported
by the
Harrisonburg Police Department**

A Community Alert

The James Madison University Police Department is giving notice of an alleged off-campus incident involving the reckless handling of a firearm.

The Harrisonburg Police reports that on November 4, 2012 at approximately 01:54 in the 800-900 Block of Port Republic Road, a physical altercation erupted between several subjects. As the subjects left the area in a vehicle, several shots were purported to be fired into the air by the individuals.

The Harrisonburg Police Department advises the incident was not student related.

Anyone with information on this incident should contact Crime Solvers at 540.574.5050, or text "HPD," plus the tip to 274637 (Crimes).

James Madison University Police can be contacted by telephone at 540.568.6911; in person at the Public Safety Office in Anthony Seeger Hall, located at the intersection of West Grace and South Main Streets; or by e-mail to publicsafety@jmu.edu.

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.

The poster version of this message suitable for posting on bulletin boards in your area will be available in PDF at: <http://www.jmu.edu/pubsafety/IncidentListings.shtml>.

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Thank You and Stay Safe!