Armed Robbery Harrisonburg Police Dept. Case # 2011-065517 TIMELY NOTIFICATION BULLETIN

Possible Threat to the Community "Your Right to Know" September 12, 2011

OFFENSE: Armed Robbery

LOCATION: Port Republic Road & Bluestone Drive

TIME: Sunday Sept. 11th 2011, at approximately 9:30 AM

SUSPECT(S) 4 unknown black males;

1. Black male with a dark complexion, approximately six feet tall, shaved hair and was wearing a dark colored cap, and a blue and white polo shirt.

2. Black male with a light complexion, who was wearing a red cap and a black baggy shirt.

3. Black male with a light complexion and dreadlocks, who was wearing a red tank top, blue jeans, and had a tattoo on his right arm.

4. Black male with a dark complexion and short dreadlocks, who was wearing a white t-shirt.

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 James Madison University Police Department is giving notice of an alleged armed robbery reported to the Harrisonburg Police Department on Monday, 09-12-2011.

The Harrisonburg Police Department is investigating a second robbery that took place yesterday.

After seeing information about the robbery on Devon Lane, a male victim reported he was robbed by four unknown black males on Sunday, Sept. 11 around 9:30 a.m. The victim was walking in the area of Port Republic Road and Bluestone Drive, when he was pushed to the ground. The offenders took his sunglasses and money. A weapon was never displayed.

The suspect descriptions from this incident are similar to those from the armed robbery in the 1300 block of Devon Lane.

"Several members of the community have come forward with valuable tips," said Mary-Hope Vass, HPD's Public Information Officer. "We still encourage anyone with information on either robbery to contact us."

Investigators continue working to identify the suspects and determine if the two incidents are 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 <u>publicsafety@jmu.edu</u>.

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.

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Thank You and Stay Safe!