Early Sunday, September 22, two robberies of female University of Oregon students were reported to Eugene Police.

In both cases, cell phones were stolen and the victims were assaulted. The incidents happened around 1:00 a.m., at around 17th Avenue and Ferry Street, and next at 18th Avenue between Patterson and Hilyard streets. The victims reported that they were approached by two black males, both described as about 5-foot-10 and around 165 pounds, in their 20s, with lighter skin, and one wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt. One woman reported that her phone was pulled from her hand and she was punched in the chest as the suspects ran. Another woman reported that a suspect grabbed her phone and hand and that she was dragged down the street until she let go and fell. The suspects were last seen running east toward the UO campus.

Law enforcement around the state and nationally have seen an increase in robberies on public streets and public transportation involving cell phones and computer tablet devices.

These incidents are unresolved and an investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about these or similar incidents should call Eugene Police at 541-682-5111. Updates regarding this incident, when and if available, will be posted on the UOPD website at police.uoregon.edu.

CAMPUS SAFETY TIPS FROM UOPD

• No action or inaction by a crime survivor makes that person responsible for his or her victimization. Perpetrators are responsible for crimes and their effects. The following suggestions may help reduce the possibility of experiencing a crime, or may improve opportunities to receive prompt assistance.

• It is a crime to intentionally touch someone against his or her will, regardless of the situation.

• Encourage friends to travel in pairs or with trusted companions, especially at night or in remote areas. Be aware of surroundings, and attempt to keep a safe distance from strangers.

• Whenever possible, keep valuables secured and out of sight.

• Use UO Safe Ride (541-346-RIDE ext. 2), call a taxicab, or contact UOPD for an on-campus escort (541-346-2919).

• If you feel you or others are in danger, call 9-1-1.

• To report suspicious, illegal or unusual activity on campus, call UOPD at 541-346-2919. For emergencies or if you see a crime being committed, call 9-1-1.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR SURVIVORS OF CRIME

• For students, support services are available through the Office of the Dean of Students, 541-346-3216; uodos@uoregon.edu.

• For students, personal counseling and other support services are available through the University Counseling and Testing Center, 541-346-3227 (available 24 hours); counseling.uoregon.edu/dnn.

• For students, medical and sexual assault examination services are available at University Health Center, 541-346-2770; healthcenter.uoregon.edu.

• For employees, the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity, 541-346-3123, and Office of Human Resources, 541-346-3159, can assist in connecting to resources.

• Other community resources available are Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS), 541-343-7277 (24 hour crisis line) or 541-484-9791, Womenspace, 541-485-8232 or 541-485-6513 (24 hour crisis line), and White Bird Clinic Counseling, 541-342-8255 541-687-4000 (24 hour crisis line).