A University of Oregon student has reported a strong arm robbery in the parking lot of Spencer View near E 22nd Avenue. The female student was walking in the complex between 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Feb. 2, when a white male suspect approached her from behind and grabbed the bags she had been carrying. The suspect is described as approximately six feet tall, with long blond hair and a beard. At the time of the incident he was seen wearing a leather jacket. After he gained possession of the bags he was last seen leaving the area in an older red four door vehicle driven by an unidentified black male.

After struggling with the suspect over the property the student reports she sprayed the male with personal protection pepper spray as he was fleeing.

The incident remains under investigation by the University of Oregon Police Department and anyone with information about the incident is asked to call UOPD at 541-346-2919. 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 such 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.

• If someone attempts to grab you, yell “NO” loudly, do whatever is necessary to get the person to let go, and flee to a safe place like a populated location, and call police. When safe, try to remember as much as possible about the person’s appearance and behavior.

• 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

• Call 541-346-SAFE at any time or visit safe.uoregon.edu to learn about options and resources.

• For students, a range of 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), 541-484-9791, 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).