



University of Oregon Police Department

Campus Crime Alert 2015-12-01

WHAT IS THIS NOTICE?

Campus Crime Alerts are released by the University of Oregon Police Department when certain crimes are reported on or near campus property, and in compliance with federal law. These timely warnings provide information about campus safety situations, and allow campus community members to take precautions for personal safety. All crimes should be reported as soon as possible to local law enforcement.

Please note this message may contain information that some may find upsetting.

A female University of Oregon student reported to UO police that she was attacked by a man near Hamilton Hall at 13th Avenue and Columbia Street on the UO campus, at about 10:30 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2015.

The woman reported that she was walking west on the south sidewalk of 13th Avenue, just west of Columbia Street, when an unknown man grabbed her from behind, placed a sharp object to her neck, and began attempting to drag her backward. The woman pepper-sprayed the man from a keychain dispenser in her hand, broke free, and fled.

She looked back at the man as she fled, and described him as about 6-foot-4, with a slight build, uncertain skin tone, with no facial hair, wearing a dark zip-up sweatshirt, a black beanie hat, and dark sweatpants.

After police received the report, UOPD and Eugene Police thoroughly searched the area with K-9 officers, but didn't find the suspect. This incident is unresolved and an investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about this or similar incidents should 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.

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.
- Bystanders should try to be aware of their surroundings, and if there are signs of a person in distress,

bystanders should make themselves known and offer assistance if it is safe to do so, and/or seek immediate help from police or security personnel.

- Every person and situation is different; survivors must decide for themselves what actions or responses are safest in any situation. If someone attempts to grab you, you have the right to yell "NO" loudly, or do whatever is necessary to get the person to let go, and flee to a safe place and seek help. When safe, try to remember as much as possible about the person's appearance and behavior.
- Assaults by strangers are far less common than assaults by people known to survivors, but such attacks do happen. Self-defense classes can prepare people to deter or escape an assault, and have benefits for improved awareness and confidence. Credit courses are available from the Physical Education department (http://uocatalog.uoregon.edu/pe_rec/#courseinventory) and from UOPD and SAPP (<http://police.uoregon.edu/content/self-defense>).
- Students may use UO Safe Ride (541-346-RIDE ext. 2), call a taxicab, or contact UOPD for an on-campus escort (541-346-2919).
- For emergencies or if you see a crime being committed, call 9-1-1. To report suspicious, illegal or unusual activity on campus, call UOPD at 541-346-2919.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR SURVIVORS

- Survivors have a right to report crimes to police and have crimes investigated and/or prosecuted to the fullest extent possible.
- 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.

**Emergencies:
Dial 9-1-1**

**Non-emergencies
& questions:
541-346-2919**