Two armed robberies with very similar suspect descriptions were reported to police near the University of Oregon campus on Saturday morning, December 5, 2015.

In the first incident, a man reported to Eugene Police around 4:45 a.m. that he was robbed at gunpoint near 20th Avenue and Patterson Street. The suspect was described as a black male wearing all black clothing, about 5-foot-10, and was reported to have pointed a gun and demanded valuables including a cell phone.

In the second incident, a female UO student reported to UO Police via campus emergency phone, that at about 5:05 a.m. she was robbed at gunpoint near the Delta Delta Delta sorority, 851 E. 15th Ave. She described the suspect as a black male in his early 20s, clean-shaven, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, dark puffy jacket, and dark jeans. The suspect reportedly pointed at the woman and demanded valuables including a cell phone. The suspect then fled west.

After police received the report, UOPD and Eugene Police thoroughly searched the area by vehicle and foot and a K-9 unit, but did not locate 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 or EPD at 541-682-5111. 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. 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