A female University of Oregon student reported to police that a man tried to rob her near campus, on Franklin Boulevard near Walnut Street at about 8:00 p.m. on January 26, 2016.

The woman reported that a man unknown to her approached her from behind, and tried to grab her bag as she was walking west on the north side of Franklin just west of Walnut, near the gas station. The two struggled, and the man fled east without the bag on Franklin on foot. The incident was reported shortly after 9:00 p.m.; police then searched the area but did not locate the suspect.

The woman described the suspect as a white male, about 6-foot-4, thin-to-medium build, brown hair, 20s, no facial hair, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with a white zipper and white pull strings, jeans, black tennis shoes with white reflective Nike brand emblems at the ankles.

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 541-946-2919.

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.

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

Emergency: Dial 9-1-1
Non-emergencies & questions: 541-346-2919