A male University of Oregon student reported to police that a man tried to rob him near the southwest exterior of Bean Hall on the UO campus, just before midnight on February 25, 2016.

UO police immediately searched the area, but did not locate the suspect, described as a white male, between 21 and 26 years old, “clean-cut” appearance, wearing a black and/or blue hooded sweatshirt with white draw cords and the hood pulled up, light-colored long shorts or short jeans, white socks pulled up, and black shoes. The suspect reportedly did not show a weapon or make a specific threat, but demanded valuables. The male student fled, and the suspect was last seen on foot heading east. A person matching the suspect description was reported near 17th Avenue and Fairmount Boulevard. Eugene Police with a K-9 unit assisted with the search.

A UOAlert! text message was sent to campus about the incident.

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, 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 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 (24 hour crisis line).