

TIMELY WARNING / CRIME ALERT

At approximately 11:45am on March 6, 2024, Officers responded to an off campus location, in the 900 Block of N. 7th Street in Vincennes, for a report of shots fired. Upon Officer arrival, one white male subject fled on foot. Officers set up a perimeter and located that subject shortly thereafter. That subject was taken into custody. After reviewing recorded video footage, in the area of the incident, it was determined that there were additional suspects that fled the scene in a vehicle. These suspects were identified as one or two white females and one black male. The black male reportedly had an injury to the face. Following the incident, the female(s) reportedly assisted the black male into a red, four-door, GMC Jimmy. That vehicle was last seen heading North on Washington Avenue. At this time there are no other descriptions of the suspects or the vehicle. This investigation is ongoing.

While it is believed that this incident is isolated, we encourage all of our students, faculty, staff, and guests to be alert of their surroundings and report any suspicious behavior or activity to Campus Police.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact the Vincennes University Police Department at (812)888-5555.

Personal Safety Tips:

Crime survivors are not responsible for their victimization; perpetrators are accountable for their crimes and the outcomes of their actions. The following safety information may help reduce the possibility of becoming a victim of a crime.

- **Program your phone.** Save the Vincennes University Police Department's phone number to your phone to have the number readily available in the event of an emergency. You can contact the Dispatcher or Officer on-duty, 24/7 at 812.888.5555. You can also dial "5555" from any campus phone.
- **Always trust your instincts.** If you are uncomfortable in a situation, or you suspect something is wrong, you are probably right. Leave the situation. Don't worry about what others think; safety comes first.

- **Be alert and aware of your surroundings.** If you detect any suspicious activity and are concerned about your safety, immediately respond to a location where you can call for assistance (i.e., emergency phones, emergency call boxes).
- **Use your cell phone.** Make sure it's charged before you leave home and coordinate with a friend if you need to text him or her for a "friend-assist." Also, make a plan in case your phone dies, so you can meet up with your friends at a familiar location at a certain time.
- **Keep your doors locked at all times.** Do not prop self-locking doors and do report defective locks to the locksmith immediately through the Footprints Work Order System or by contacting the locksmith at ext. 4401 or Campus Police at 5555.
- **Do not allow any individual into your room, office or lab if you do not know who they are, if they are not authorized or if they are not supervised.**
- **Stick with your friends.** Arrive at events together, check in with one another throughout, and leave together. Think twice about going off alone and if, for whatever reason, you have to separate from your friends, let them know where you are going and who you are with.
- **Do not enter or remain with a stranger in an elevator if you feel unsafe.**
- **Do not enter or approach a stranger's vehicle.**
- **Do not resist a robbery attempt.** Remain calm, cool and observant. Take no action that would jeopardize your safety or the safety of others.
- If you walk into your building and find suspicious individuals loitering there, **do not enter. Instead, leave and find a safe location where you can call Public Safety.**
- **Emergency Blue Lights call:** Be aware of the Emergency Blue Lights near parking lots and walkways throughout campus. Use these emergency telephones to be immediately connected with the Vincennes University Department.

If you see something, say something! Intervene if you see a situation that seems risky to someone's safety. By stepping up, you can possibly prevent a crime. Also, don't be afraid to call Campus Police. Many crimes can be prevented. While the Vincennes University Police Department tries to prevent crimes on campus, Campus Safety is everyone's responsibility, and you should make attempts to protect yourself.