Crime Alert

Notice of crime – Off Campus – Aggravated Assault

In compliance with the provisions of the federal *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1988* Virginia State University is giving notice of Aggravated Assault.

Reported Offense: On January 29, 2017 at 3:25 AM, an aggravated assault was reported to the Chesterfield Police Department that occurred in the 3400 block of Light Street. Chesterfield Police is handling the investigation of this incident.

Suspects: Unknown Suspect Description

Brief description of how the crime took place: The victim was shot by the suspect in the 3400 block of Light Street. Chesterfield Police responded to the scene. The injuries appear to be non-life threatening. The Chesterfield Police are leading the investigation.

It can be assumed that conditions continue to exist that may pose a threat to members and guests of the community. Police have increased patrols in this area.

The VSU Police would like to remind students, in particular, to keep personal safety in mind. There are certain things you need to be aware of living in an urban environment. Crimes may occur in our community. The best defense is to be prepared and to take responsibility for your own safety and for that of your friends and fellow students. A few key reminders:

- Immediately report suspicious people and activity to police.
- Be aware of your surroundings and who is around you. Do not let a cell phone conversation or listening to music distract you when crossing the street or in another situation that calls for your full attention.
- Avoid isolated areas and walking alone at night.
- In the event of an incident, the information you provide police will help them identify the suspect(s). Focus on his or her physical characteristics, i.e. clothing description, height and weight, and last known direction of travel.
- When walking, carry a loud whistle or high-decibel personal alarm. Use them to attract attention or summon help if you feel you are in danger. Carry the whistle or alarm in your hand so you can use it immediately
- If followed or threatened by someone who is walking, use your whistle or personal alarm or scream loudly, cross the street and run in the opposite direction.
- Avoid physical confrontation, if possible, by walking away.

VSU students, faculty and staff are encouraged to share this safety information with other members of the community and are asked to be aware of their surroundings.

Students, faculty, staff and citizens of Richmond are asked to report all suspicious persons or incidents, however minor, to VSU Police immediately.

Anyone with information pertaining to this crime can contact the VSU Police Department (24/7) at (804) 524-5360 or through RAVE Guardian Mobile App anonymously.

Why am I receiving this email? Virginia State University is dedicated to promoting a safe and secure environment for learning, living, working or visiting. This notification is part of our efforts to prevent and solve crimes. To report a crime in progress or an emergency on campus, call (804) 524-5360. For off campus emergencies, dial 911. VSU's annual safety report is available at: vsu.edu/police.

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