

Princeton University Department of Public Safety
C a m p u s S a f e t y A l e r t

This notice is to advise you of an incident that occurred near campus

Date: August 18, 2013

Incident: Criminal restraint/simple assault

The Department of Public Safety is alerting the members of the University community about a reported assault on Paul Robeson Place and Bayard Lane, adjacent to the YWCA, in the town of Princeton.

DPS learned from the Princeton Police Department that an assault had occurred on Paul Robeson Place, near the YWCA, at approximately midnight on 8/18/13. The victim, who is not affiliated with Princeton University, told police that an unknown male approached her from behind and grabbed her around the neck. The suspect threw her to the ground. The victim said she screamed, punched and kicked and ultimately was able to escape and flee the area. She said she was not injured.

The suspect fled on foot. The victim described him as having a square face, approximately 5'10" in height with a stocky build. She reported he was wearing a "black graphic t-shirt with a "rectangle of some sort" pulled up over his head. The case is under investigation by the Princeton Police Department.

If you have information relevant to this incident, please contact the Princeton Police Department at (609) 921-2100 or the Department of Public Safety at (609) 258-1000, or in case of emergency 911 or (609) 258-

We remind all community members of our general crime prevention tips listed on our website, www.princeton.edu/publicsafety/CrimeTips.htm as well as the tips listed below.

- Use common sense. Avoid walking alone or appearing distracted by wearing headphones or talking on your cell phone.
- Walk with friends, whenever possible.
- At night try to walk or run in well-lit, regularly travelled pathways.
- When alone, avoid walking alone at night and heading off alone around you.
- Stay on the part of the sidewalk that is farthest away from shrubs, dark doorways, and alleys
- Report suspicious persons or activity immediately by calling the Department of Public Safety or the Princeton Police.

- Program your cell phone for 911 and the DPS emergency line 258-3333.
- Trust your instincts, and if you do not feel comfortable in a place or situation, leave.
- If you must remain in a building after hours, use the buddy system when leaving.
- Any suspicious persons or vehicles in the community should be reported immediately.

The Federal Clery Act requires that universities with a campus public safety agency must, in a manner that is timely and will aid in the prevention of similar crimes, report to the campus community crimes that fall into certain categories and that are considered by the university to represent a continuing threat to the campus community. The Department of Public Safety refers to these "Campus Safety Alerts." This Campus Safety Alert is issued according to this requirement.

Donald P. Reichling

Administrative Captain
Department of Public Safety

Princeton University

200 Elm Drive

Princeton, NJ 08544

Tel: (609) 258-9701

-9773

-mail: donaldr@princeton.edu

<http://www.princeton.edu/publicsafety>

Emergency: 9-1-1 on campus or (609) 258-3333 off campus or cell phones

Non-emergencies: (609) 258-1000