Princeton University
Department of Public Safety

Campus Safety Alert

This notice is to advise you of an incident that concerns the University community

Date: Monday, May 18, 2009

Incident: Lewdness

The Department of Public Safety is alerting community members of an ongoing investigation concerning a reported incident of lewdness.

In an incident that occurred at approximately 12:30 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009, a Princeton University female student reported she observed a male masturbating while she was walking across campus. The incident took place as the student was walking through the East Pyne courtyard and the suspect was standing in the west archway near Nassau Hall. The student said the suspect stopped her to ask for directions. When the student began to respond, she said she noticed the suspect appeared to be masturbating. The student said she walked away and the suspect was last seen standing near the archway. The suspect did not come into direct contact with the student.

The suspect was described by the student as a dark skinned male in his mid-20s, approximately 6 feet tall, slim build, with short dark hair. He was reported to be wearing a dark jacket, baggy sweat pants and a light-colored, possibly white, shirt.

The Princeton Borough Police are investigating this incident. If you have any information relevant to this incident, please contact the Princeton Borough Police Detective Bureau at (609) 921-8108, or call the Department of Public Safety at (609) 258-1000 or visit the confidential tip line on Public Safety's website: https://tipline.princeton.edu/.

The Department of Public Safety plans to increase foot patrols around campus during the evening hours. To maintain the safety and security of the campus, Public Safety reminds all community members to follow the crime prevention tips listed on our website (http://web.princeton.edu/sites/publicsafety/CrimeTips.htm), including:

- Report suspicious activity immediately.
- If you must remain in a building after hours, use the buddy system when leaving.
- Call (609) 258-3134 for an escort.
- Stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings. Be aware and prepared.
- Stand tall and walk confidently; do not show fear.
- Trust your instincts, and if you do not feel comfortable in a place or situation, leave.

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 notices as "Campus Safety Alerts." This Campus Safety Alert is issued according to this requirement.