



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

For the protection and safety of SU students, faculty, staff and neighbors,
the Department of Public Safety releases the following alert:

PURSE SNATCH

(Date issued: 01/16/09 DPS# 09- 1692/ SPD 09-119666)

FRIDAY - 01/16/09- 2:30 AM - 100 Block Waverly Avenue

A student reported that while standing alone on the 100 block of Waverly Avenue at about 2:30 in the morning, she was approached by an unknown male who stole her purse. The student stated the unknown subject was walking westbound on Waverly Avenue, and as he approached her, he grabbed a hold of her purse while telling her to let go. The student relinquished her purse whereupon the suspect searched through it and failing to find anything of value, immediately discarded it on the ground and fled the area on foot. He was last seen heading north down Walnut Place.

The victim described the suspect as: male, black, early 40's, 6'1" with a large build and a full beard, wearing a black colored hooded jacket, navy blue baggie pants, and tan construction boots.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident or others, please contact Syracuse Police Department @ 442-5222 Or SU Department of Public Safety @ 443-2224. ... or you can anonymously leave NON-EMERGENCY information for SU DPS by clicking on the updated version of "Silent Witness" at <http://publicsafety.syr.edu/silent.html>

FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free), call 443-2224 for more information about these services.
- Centro Bus or taxi service.
- Walk, bike or jog in **groups of three or more** – away from bushes, cars, and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
- Look and listen. Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
- Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.
- **Don't approach strangers or let them get close to you.**
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Go toward an open business or lighted house.
- Have your house or car keys in hand before you reach your door.
- **Know where "Blue Light" phones are and how to use them.**
- If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property, not your life.
- Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle & tag number.

IMMEDIATELY report emergencies or suspicious activities, persons and vehicles.
For Public Safety dial 711 (on campus) #78 (from a cell phone); for Syracuse Police dial 911.
Your quick report may help prevent others from becoming victims.