



## **Campus Safety Department Crime Alert:**

**Unarmed Robbery, December 11, 2014**

### **Incident Information:**

At 11:56pm on December 11, 2014 a robbery occurred at the bus stop on Burton Street near Calvin College's Burton Street entrance. The victim was in the bus stop shelter waiting for the bus when the suspect came up from behind and grabbed the victim around the neck. The suspect told the victim to "give me what you got". The victim was able to fight off the suspect and flee to the east. The suspect ran to the west and onto Morningside Drive. The Grand Rapids Police Department was contacted and responded to investigate. The Calvin College Campus Safety Department issued a lockdown alert while the Police searched for the suspect. When the Police completed their search of the area the lockdown was lifted.

### **Suspect Information:**

B/M, 20-23 years old, 6'1" – 6'3" tall, medium build, wearing; dark pants, black hooded sweatshirt, with a green bandana covering the lower half of his face.

### **Recommendation:**

Listed here are some safety tips that students should be aware of and follow:

- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you when you are walking outside.
- Do not walk alone. If you are on campus you can call for an escort between dusk and dawn by dialing "6-6452" from any campus phone, or by calling 526-6452 from a cell phone. If you jog, do not jog alone.
- Walk with confidence. Thieves are more likely to single out those who appear hesitant or unsure of themselves.

- When walking to your apartment or car, have your keys or ID card ready so you will spend as little time as possible in the open.
- If you are being harassed, loudly say, "Leave me alone!" If that doesn't stop the harassment, continue to attract people's attention and head towards a place where other people are around.
- If you are confronted, give up your valuables. Nothing is as important as your life.
- Park in well lit, busy areas. Avoid dark, secluded areas.
- Always lock your car, even if you are in it at the time. Also, secure your valuables out of sight in your trunk or take them with you.
- As you approach your car, be aware of other people around. If you see someone loitering near your car, do not go to it; instead, walk to an area where there are other people.

**No method of crime prevention is guaranteed to work 100% of the time. However, in taking these steps, you are removing opportunity from would be criminals, and you will be less likely to be victimized. Be smart.**

**Please remember to contact the Campus Safety Department at 526-6452 if you see anything that you feel is suspicious.**

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