

Crime Alert: Armed Robbery

Notice Date: Nov. 24, 2008

Incident Date: Nov. 23, 2008

In compliance with the "Timely Notice" provisions of the federal Jeanne Clery Act, the University Police are giving notice of a crime that occurred in The Grove residential complex.

REPORTED OFFENSE: Reported Armed Robbery of two students occurred in the parking lot near Building nine, of The Grove student apartment complex on the USA Campus. The incident occurred at approximately 10:45 pm, late Sunday night, Nov. 23, 2008.

SUSPECTS: One black male, approximately 6'0", very thin build, wearing dark clothes and a skull or sweater cap. No vehicle associated with suspect at this time.

DETAILS: Two students reported that after exiting their vehicle near building nine, they were approached by the perpetrator asking for directions to a building in the complex. After giving him directions, he walked off only to circle around behind them and reportedly pulled a handgun of an unknown type. He demanded money and took both victims' wallets and cell phones. He then left the area. A search of the area did not reveal the offender.

This incident is the second reported armed encounter in the past three weeks at the Grove residential complex. The first incident, currently under active investigation, does not appear to be related. However, it serves as a reminder that everyone need to be aware of their surrounding at all times and should report any suspicious individuals to University Police and apartment management. You should also ensure that the doors to your car and your apartment are locked at all times.

If you have any information regarding either of the incidents, please contact the Investigations Unit at 251-461-1405 or 24/7, 251-460-6312. or if you wish to submit information anonymously through "Silent Witness", go to the department's website at: <http://www.southalabama.edu/police/crimeprevention.html>. Please include as much specific information as possible.

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