



INSTITUTIONAL SAFETY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CLERY Timely Warning 6-14

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Fraudulent Transaction Crimes

The University of Missouri-St. Louis Police Department would like you to be aware of cases of a male subject approaching students and asking for assistance. This usually occurs in a campus parking area. The subject asks for a ride or explains some other problem and asks for the victim's assistance. Through a sequence of events, the suspect asks the victim to provide money up front for a transaction and sometimes offers to sell concert or sports tickets. The suspect either presents the victim a check or asks them to withdraw money from their bank. In all cases, the collateral or the check the suspect presents is not valid. The suspect uses several different tactics to earn the trust of the victim and seems believable and sincere in his request.

The UMSL Campus Police is investigating these incidents. Anyone having information concerning these incidents is asked to contact Detective Kevin Buchheit by phone, 314-516-5160 or email buchheitk@umsl.edu

If you have questions or concerns relative this warning or other safety concerns please contact the University of Missouri-St. Louis Police Department 314-516-5155. To assist in providing direct communications with the Police, Blue light phones are placed throughout the campus on parking lots and near University housing.

Stay safe and be aware of suspicious activity.

- Do not offer rides to persons you do not know.
- Be suspicious of persons offering you a profit in exchange for money or goods.
- Do not give your bank account information, debit card or PIN to anyone.
- Be alert to any activity near your car. Pay attention to your surroundings
- Be suspicious of persons lingering or walking around campus approaching persons. Do not approach the individual(s) but report their behavior to the UMSL Police Department
- *See Something, Say Something* Report suspicious behavior to the Police 314-516-5155

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