

**CRIME ALERT
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UMBC Police Department

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Crime Alerts are posted in an effort to make the UMBC Community aware of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety and well-being of those who live, work, study and visit the campus. By keeping you aware of crimes occurring in your community the University Police hope to encourage you to become actively involved in crime prevention. Personal safety practices and knowledge are your best defense against crime. This alert has been approved by Chief Mark Sparks, of the University Police and is intended to promote safety on campus and comply, in part, with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1990.

REPORTED OFFENSE – ASSAULT – DISPLAYED A KNIFE

Police are investigating a report of an assault that occurred Wednesday morning, May 8, 2002 between 1:30 and 2:00 a.m., wherein an unknown male subject accosted a female who was sitting near the rear of Prettyman Hall. The subject approached the woman from behind, then grabbed her with one arm around her body between her neck and chest. The woman saw a small pocket knife in the suspect's hand. The woman told police that she was able to spray pepper spray at the suspect, who then fled the scene. No injuries were sustained by the victim. There were no words spoken by the suspect.

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION:

1. Male of unknown race/ethnicity, though the skin tone on the arm the victim saw was light colored, possibly white.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

1. Try always to find a friend to accompany you outside late at night. Even when planning to be just a short time.
 2. Be mindful of your surroundings and place a safe distance between you and potential hiding places.
 3. Report any and all suspicious people and incidents to the police immediately.
- For more information on campus crime and safety, please visit our website at:

<http://www.umbc.edu/police>