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Reported Armed Robbery Incident

*This Timely Warning was authorized by Tony Rivera – Captain for Operations, University Police
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A Butler University student contacted the University Police today and reported he was robbed at gunpoint by three young black males in the early morning hours of October 17, 2016, in the 700 block of Hampton Drive. The student reported that he exited a fraternity house at approximately 3:19 a.m. to discover three young males going through an opened car trunk.

The suspects were described as wearing dark clothes, short in height, and thin builds. One was wearing a gray sweatshirt and riding a dark-colored BMX-style bicycle. One suspect pulled out what appeared to be a handgun and asked for the student's phone and wallet.

The student stated that he thought the handgun was a plastic BB gun. We remind everyone not to take chances, it's difficult to tell some toy guns from real handguns.

In addition to this reported incident, University Police have received at least three separate reports of vehicle larcenies where items have been discovered missing in cars today.

If you have any knowledge of these incidents, please contact Capt. Diane Sweeney via email at dsweeney@butler.edu or by phone at 317-940-6863.

The following are important reminders for students, faculty and staff:

- The University Police offer 24-hour vehicle/pedestrian escort services when the [Dawg Ride](#) is not available, dial 317-940-9396.
- Call University Police to report any criminal incident or suspicious behavior. From a cell phone, dial 317-940-9999. From a campus phone, dial 911 or 317-940-9396.

- Additional reporting options include [Silent Watch](#) and University Police's [CSA online](#) reporting form when you are made aware of a criminal incident. (*Silent Watch is not for crimes in progress.*)
- Be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts. This alone will not prevent criminal incidents, but is a good practice for reducing vulnerability.
- If you feel that someone is either following you or paying particular attention to you while you are walking, immediately change direction or try to catch up with another group of nearby people.

Racial descriptors alone are not a valid reason to profile or cast suspicion on an individual. In cases of serious crime such as this we may include them only as part of the totality of circumstances, if it may reasonably assist in the identification of the perpetrators.

This Timely Warning is intended to make the campus community aware of a specific incident or increase in criminal activity. Timely Warnings may be posted on the University Police department's [website](#) only or emailed to the campus community.

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