



MUW Police Department

Community Safety Bulletin

Bulletin Issued: Wednesday, November 17, 2021

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, a report was filed with the MUW Police Department involving a female student who reported that she was fondled at gunpoint. The incident occurred Saturday, Nov. 13 around 4 p.m. on the field located across from the MSMS Performing Arts Center.

A white male in a small black four-door car parked his vehicle on 15th Street, yelled to the student to approach the fence and threatened her with a handgun. When she came to the fence, the suspect reached through the fence, put his hand under her clothing and fondled her breasts. The student stated the suspect then pushed the barrel of the gun into her chest and stated, "I dare you to say anything about this."

He left traveling South on 15th Street. The subject is described as a white male in his late 20s to early 30s, about 6 feet tall and medium build. A black male passenger was with the suspect but remained in the vehicle during the incident.

The MUW Police Department is actively investigating this incident with assistance from the Columbus Police Department.

Any additional information that could help with this incident should be reported to the MUW Police Department at (662) 241-7777 or 911.

Please note the following safety tips:

- Avoid traveling alone when possible. Park in well-lit areas.
- Remember vehicle location.
- Keep all doors locked and windows closed while in and out of your car.
- When returning to your vehicle, have keys out and ready.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car.
- If you use an ATM, choose one that is located inside or in a well-lit location.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about many things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Be aware of strangers approaching you for any reason.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows to buildings, offices or place of residence.
- Report suspicious activity immediately to the MUW PD at (662) 241-7777 or 911.

W-Alert Reminder: In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide "timely warning" will be issued. The warning will be issued through the University's text messaging system called W-Alert to students, faculty and staff.

Take a moment to ensure you are signed up for the W-Alert at www.muw.edu/police/preparedness/walertsignup. Follow W Alerts on Twitter, @TheWAlert.