Community Safety Bulletin

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At 8:40 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, the W Police Department received a call from 911 that an MUW employee was struck and personal items were taken. The incident occurred on campus by Fant Hall.

MUW officers immediately responded along with the Columbus Police Department and other emergency agencies.

According to reports, the suspect left the scene on foot in the direction of 15th Street and Washington Avenue. The individual in question was described as a 6-foot black male wearing a gray sweatshirt.

At 8:48 p.m., the Columbus Police Department stopped an individual matching the description at 19th Street and Bell Avenue. Upon interviewing the suspect, he fled and dropped personal items belonging to the victim.

W-Alerts are issued in the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat. Due to no continuing threat to campus, a W-Alert was not immediately issued. A witness reported seeing the suspect exiting campus at 15th Street. The W Police Department and Columbus Police Department immediately responded and secured the scene.

A search off campus was conducted by the W Police Department, the Columbus Police Department and its K-9 unit.

Authorities have a person of interest at this time and the investigation is ongoing.

Updates will be shared when additional information is available.

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.

Crisis Management App

We encourage you to download the Crisis Management App and use it as a reference in the event of an emergency. Please visit www.muw.edu/police/preparedness/app for download instructions.