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Information on trespassing

At 4 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, the University of Missouri Police Department responded to a report of an unknown subject entering an individual’s bedroom this morning in a residence hall in the 1000 block of Virginia Avenue. The individual, who was in bed, first assumed the subject was a friend of a roommate and thought he had left the room. But later, the individual heard the bedroom door open and again noticed the subject in the room and the covers being pulled. The subject then left. According to MUPD, the subject did not touch the individual. The subject is described as a white male with dark, buzz-cut style hair and wearing a black, collared shirt.

Individuals who have information regarding this incident, please contact MU police department at 573-882-7201, or call CrimeStoppers at 573-875-TIPS (8477) to remain anonymous.

This information is provided in an effort to keep the community informed of crimes on campus. MUPD encourages all victims of crime to report any incident so they may receive assistance, counseling and help. Reports to police can also help MUPD apprehend the suspect and provide accurate crime statistics to the community.

While you can do everything correctly and still be the victim of a crime, MUPD has posted several documents, covering various safety topics to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime, which can be reviewed and printed at: http://mupolice.com/mupd/safetytips

The MU police department offers the following general safety tips:

- Individuals should always lock doors when sleeping or when away from residence hall room.
- Individuals should always trust their instincts. If an individual feels uneasy or senses something is wrong, they should do what they can to get out of the situation.
- Have a companion or a safe means of getting home, i.e., a trusted friend, taxi or STRIPES if available. The MU police department is available to provide safety escorts on campus 24 hours a day. Call 573-882-7201. These escorts are not vehicle escorts and are provided by an unarmed security officer who will walk individuals to their destination.
- Mizzou now offers Rave Guardian, which turns any smartphone into a personal safety device. Learn more by visiting mualert.missouri.edu.
- Consider taking a R.A.D. Basic Self Defense class through MUPD.
- Walk with others or make arrangements to leave a destination with others.
- Check in with a friend or family member and let them know that you are leaving/arriving so they are aware of any plans.
- Other crime prevention tips can be found on the MUPD website.