

## **Timely Warning - 10/7/2015**

EWU Police are investigating a reported kidnapping and sexual assault which occurred October 6<sup>th</sup> between 1030pm and midnight in Streeter/Morrison Hall.

A female student was walking near Showalter Hall when the suspect approached and walked with her towards Streeter and Morrison Hall. The victim was forced into the residence hall where the assault took place.

Suspect is described as a white male, thin build, approximately 6'00" to 6'02" tall, with short blond hair and acne on his chin area. A second person was in the room (possibly the suspect's roommate) when the assault occurred. He is described as a light skinned black male. He was wearing a red t-shirt and gray shorts.

Victim encountered a witness as she was trying to leave the hall. This person is described as a white male with curly blond hair. He asked if he could help her as the victim was looking for the stairs. EWU Police would like to talk to this witness to establish the exact location of the contact he had with the victim.

Anyone having information please call Detective Burns at 509-370-5190.

Crime victims are never at fault for being victimized. Perpetrators alone are responsible for crimes and their effects. EWU Police offer the following suggestions that may help reduce the possibility of experiencing a crime:

- Make sure your cell phone is easily accessible and fully charged
- Be familiar with where emergency phones are installed on the campus
- Be aware of open buildings where you can use a phone
- Take major, public paths rather than less populated shortcuts
- Avoid dimly lit places and talk to campus services if lights need to be installed in an area
- Avoid putting music headphones in both ears so that you can be more aware of your surroundings, especially if you are walking alone
- Walking between buildings very late at night is sometimes unavoidable, so try to walk with a friend
- Carry a noisemaker (like a whistle) on your keychain
- Pepper spray is allowed on campus
- Carry a small flashlight on your keychain
- If walking by yourself feels unsafe, call EWU Police for an escort service at 509.535.9233 or 509.359.6300