

URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS POLICE ARREST JUVENILE IN CONNECTION WITH CAMPUS AREA ROBBERY

In a collaborative effort, officers from the Urbana Police Department and the University of Illinois Police Department apprehended a 15-year-old male from Urbana on December 12, 2023, in connection with a robbery earlier that day within the campus area. Law enforcement successfully located the individual in the vicinity of the intersection of Busey and Green in Urbana at approximately 4:49 p.m. The arrest follows a series of three robberies occurring between Sunday night and Tuesday afternoon. All victims targeted in these incidents were women walking alone in the campus vicinity.

The Urbana Police Department acknowledges and extends gratitude for the valuable assistance provided by the University of Illinois Police officers during this operation. As the investigation continues, Urbana PD urges the public to remain vigilant, especially during this holiday season. It is recommended to walk in pairs, choose well-lit pathways, and stay aware of your surroundings.

The collaboration between the Urbana Police Department and the University of Illinois Police Department underscores the commitment to ensuring the safety of our community. Further updates on the investigation will be provided as information becomes available.

Urbana Police ask that anyone who has additional information or video footage of the incident please contact police at 217-384-2320. Arrangements can be made for information to be shared privately. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may also submit tips to Crime Stoppers by phone at: 217-373-8477 (TIPS); online at 373tips.com; or the "P3 Tips" mobile app.

Citizens are reminded that information submitted to Crime Stoppers is completely anonymous. Calls are routed to a third-party national call center that receives your information, completes a tips information form, and then passes the information to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Caller ID tracking is not utilized by Crime Stoppers and conversations are not recorded.

Crime Stoppers will pay cash rewards of \$5,000 for tips that lead to an arrest in any homicide case, \$2,500 for tips leading to an arrest in a felony crime involving a firearm, and up to \$1,000 for tips leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for any other crime.

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My understanding is that the person arrested was pretty quickly released after the alleged victim(s) could not ID the suspect. I find it troubling that UPD advertised their arrest, but did not follow up and publicly mention in any way that they may have arrested the wrong person and that the crimes are still unsolved.

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