

Community Advisory Alert - August 1, 2024

Dear Bradley Campus Community:

A crime has recently occurred in the Bradley University campus area and we want you to be informed so you can take appropriate precautions. Advisory Alerts are issued for incidents that have already occurred but do not require immediate action by recipients.

At approximately 8:28 a.m., Bradley University Police and Peoria Police responded to a report of a robbery of a business in the 400 block of N. Western Avenue, near of the intersection of W. Callender Avenue and N. Western Avenue. This is approximately seven blocks west of N. University Street and five blocks south of W. Main Street.

One suspect entered a business, implied a weapon and obtained property. No weapon was seen and there were no injuries. The suspect fled on foot eastbound in the alleyway between W. Callender Avenue and W. Ayres Avenue.

The suspect was described as an older male, about 6'3" tall, wearing a black ballcap, a white surgical mask, a dark green jacket, dark pants, and white tennis shoes. Information about the race or ethnicity of alleged suspects is provided only to aid detailed descriptions that include physical stature, clothing or unusual characteristics. Racial descriptions do not, by themselves, offer a meaningful picture of an individual's appearance.

An investigation is continuing.

If you have any information regarding any crimes, please contact the Bradley University Police Department at (309) 677-2000, the Peoria Police Department at (309) 673-4521, tip 411 (anonymously), or Crime Stoppers (anonymously) at (309) 673-9000.

Do Your Part to Stay Safe

The Bradley University Police Department is a fully sworn police department with officers who work to keep the Bradley community safe 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 day a year. The BUPD patrols the campus as well as a significant area off campus. It works closely with other local law enforcement agencies, but safety also requires you to take action. A safe campus can be achieved only with the cooperation of the entire university community—students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Please remember:

- Report suspicious people immediately to the Bradley University Police Department by calling 309-677-2000 or using one of the emergency blue light phones on and around campus.
- During the hours of 5 p.m. and 3 a.m., utilize the Safety Cruiser program by using the Cruiser App or calling 309-677-2800.
- Use the Student Patrol or Bradley University Police Department escort programs by calling 309-677-2000.
- Do not leave your property, vehicles, homes or residence hall rooms unsecured.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Walk in pairs or groups, especially during the evening and night.
- Do not become distracted by talking on your cell phone or listening to music through headphones.
- Travel on well-lit, busy streets and avoid walking through alleys or parking lots.
- Be aware of places along your path of travel that could conceal a criminal (shrubbery, building recesses, etc.). Avoid or keep a distance from these areas when possible.
- Take note of suspicious vehicles, especially those that appear to be circling the block or driving unusually slow. If you observe a suspicious vehicle, relay its description and location to the Bradley University Police Department by calling 309-677-2000 or using one of the emergency blue light phones on and around campus.
- If you think someone is following you, cross the street, head for a well-populated, well-lit area and contact the Bradley University Police Department.
- If approached, give up your property.

A "Community Advisory Alert" is issued via email when serious criminal activity occurs outside of Bradley University Clery Act geography and does not require immediate action by recipients, or when serious criminal activity that does not meet the Campus Safety Alert criteria occurs within the Bradley University Clery Act geography and does not require immediate action by recipients.

To learn more about the BUPD visit the police page online and follow the BUPD on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) @BradleyUPolice.

On March 15, at approximately 7:13 a.m., Bradley University Police responded to a reported hate crime in the 1300 block of W. Fredonia Avenue.

Upon investigation, on March 15, 2024 between the hours of approximately 3:45 a.m. and 4:22 a.m., a suspect spray-painted graffiti at various campus locations. The crime appears to be motivated by bias directed toward a religious group.

BUPD takes this crime extremely seriously, and asks for your assistance in identifying the suspect in this [video](#). Attached are still pictures of the suspect.

There is no imminent threat to campus.

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A Campus Safety Alert is issued via email when a Clery Act crime occurs within Bradley University's Clery Act geography but does not require immediate action by recipients.

