

Safety Alert - August 25, 2024

Dear Bradley Campus Community:

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

On Sunday, August 25, 2024, at approximately 8:41 p.m., Bradley University Police and Peoria Police responded to a reported aggravated assault that had just occurred in the Geisert Parking Lot, located at 911 N. Duryea Place.

The victim, who is not affiliated with Bradley University, had just arrived in a vehicle and was confronted by the suspect who was also in a vehicle. An argument about driving ensued and then the suspect briefly revealed a firearm. The suspect did not point the firearm at the victim. The suspect then re-entered his vehicle and left the area.

The suspect was the front passenger in a silver sedan. The silver sedan was last seen northbound on N. University Street away from campus.

This appears to be an isolated incident and there is no imminent threat to campus.

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.

An investigation is continuing.

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.

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To learn more about the BUPD visit the [police page online](#) and follow the BUPD on [Facebook](#), [X formerly 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.

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