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# Timely Warning

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**SUBJECT:** Battery  
**CR#** GPD CR# 19-02-006859  
**DATE OF INCIDENT:** Friday, April 26, 2019  
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**NARRATIVE:**

The Gainesville Police Department is currently investigating a battery that was reported to have occurred Friday, approximately 2:00am in the 1000 block of SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. According to the victim, she was in the area of her residence when an unknown male suspect came from behind and grabbed her. After the suspect grabbed the victim, he then released her and fled the area on foot.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 30 years of age, heavy set, wearing a blue shirt and khaki shorts, with his hair in corn rows with white rubber bands.

In the interest of public safety, the UFPD is notifying the community of this incident. Additionally, anyone with information about the incident, was in the area at the time, or who may know the man's identity is asked to call the Gainesville Police Department at 352-955-1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP (7867).

**The UFPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.**

If you become a victim of crime, please contact law enforcement immediately by calling 9-1-1.

Immediately report any suspicious person or activity to law enforcement.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

Do not allow anyone to follow you in your residence as you enter.

Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, or entryways.

If possible, walk with others to your destination.

If you observe any suspicious person or activity, immediately contact law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Major Brad Barber at (352) 273-3309. If after hours, please call (352) 392-1111 or # **UFPD (#8373)** and ask to speak to a Patrol Supervisor. Major Barber can also be reached via e-mail at: [wbarber@ufl.edu](mailto:wbarber@ufl.edu) or see the UFPD webpage at <http://www.police.ufl.edu>.

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