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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Date: September 3, 2013  
Time: 8:45 A.M.  
Contact: Officer Joseph Nichols  
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Subject: Suspicious Person – Attempted Assaults

The Oshkosh Police Department is investigating two separate attempted assaults on females in the UW-Oshkosh area.

The first incident occurred on Woodland Ave. at about 4 a.m. on Monday, September 2, 2013. The female reported that she was walking home and noticed a male following her. As she attempted to open her door, the male grabbed her. The female fought off the subject and was able to enter her residence. The Oshkosh Police Department checked the area, but could not locate the male. The male is described as being black in his 20's wearing khaki shorts, a light colored shirt and a baseball cap. The female was not injured in the incident.

The second incident occurred on Jackson St. at about 1:45 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. The female was walking home and noticed a male following her. The female said she went to enter her residence and the male attempted to grab her. When the male noticed she was on the phone with 911, he ran from the residence. The female was not able to get a physical description of the male and was not injured in the incident. The Oshkosh Police Department checked the area, but did not locate the suspect.

The Oshkosh Police Department believes that these incidents are related.

If anyone has information on this subject, they are encouraged to contact the Oshkosh Police Department at (920) 236-5700.

If you have information and would like to remain anonymous, please contact Winnebago County Wide Crime Stoppers at (920) 231-8477 or text **IGOTYA** and your crime tip to 274637 or go to [www.winnebago crimestoppers.org](http://www.winnebago crimestoppers.org) and submit your text via the web. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

The Oshkosh Police Department and University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Police Department are advising citizens that when walking home, especially during hours of darkness and/or when you have had too much to drink, make every attempt to walk with someone you know. If you have to walk alone, please follow these guidelines:

Report any incident as soon as possible.

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If you are walking alone in the campus area, you may call the UW-Oshkosh Police Department and request a Community Service Officer to walk with you. Please call (920) 424-1212 for more information about this service.

Do not display money.

Plan ahead so that when you walk you are visible to other people.

When walking, choose open, well-lit and busy streets. Vary your route and times daily and do not set patterns for others to follow.

When walking, be aware of your surroundings at all times by making eye contact with passers-by and glancing occasionally behind you.

If you sense that you are being followed, change directions or cross the street. If the person/vehicle persists, run to the nearest place where you will find other people and call for help.

Go to a public place where you can call the police whenever you feel threatened.

Always carry a cellular phone with the police as your number 1 speed dial choice. Call 911 if you believe you are being threatened.

Consider carrying pepper spray and/or a personal alarm.

When in the campus area and you feel threatened, remember to utilize the blue light emergency phones. They are a direct link to the University Police Department.

Do not engage in conversation with unknown individuals, especially if threatening language or insults have been used.

If you have any questions about personal safety, please contact the Oshkosh Police Department at (920) 236-5742 or the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Police at (920) 424-1212 (x1212 if on a campus phone system).

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