



## Public Safety Advisory:

**Suspicious Person, area around Commons Lawn, May 2, 2018**

### **Incident Information:**

On Monday, May 1, at approximately 10:00 p.m., a student reported a suspicious person attempted to grab their backpack while they were walking on a walkway between Bolt Heyns Timmer and North Hall. The subject walked up close behind the student and made some inappropriate comments to them. The student ignored the comments and kept walking. The subject then grabbed the student's backpack. The student was able to pull away, and run to the Fieldhouse. The student subsequently went to the Campus Safety office and reported the incident. The Grand Rapids Police were also notified of the incident.

### **Suspect Information:**

The subject was described as an unknown male, student age, wearing shorts and grey "Vans" style shoes.

### **Recommendations:**

Do not walk or jog alone. Always try to walk or jog with another person at night. If you are on campus, you can contact the Campus Safety Department and ask for an escort between dusk and dawn by calling 616-526-6452.

Consider other self-defense measures such as taking a self-defense class.

If you are being followed, threatened or harassed, say loudly, "Leave me alone, or get back!" Attempt to attract other people's attention and head toward an open building where other people are present. If on campus, call Campus Safety at 526-3333, or call 911 if off campus.

Anyone who observes suspicious persons or activity is encouraged to contact the Campus Safety Department immediately at 616-526-6452 for non-emergency calls or 616-526-3333 for an emergency. If you wish to report suspicious activity, and want to remain anonymous, you can contact **Silent Observer** at 774-2345 or by e-mail at <http://www.silentobserver.org/> or by texting to **CRIMES (274637)** include keyword **Tip138** in the message.