

# VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

November 4, 2003

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### **SECURITY ALERT – Burglaries**

It was reported to this department that two burglaries occurred between 4:00 and 7:00 am on this date at Chaffin Place apartments. According to reports, the suspect entered into both locations through the patio door. One of the doors was unlocked. The other door had been locked but the suspect gained entry by defeating the locking mechanism, no signs of forced entry were visible. At both locations the suspect entered into bedrooms, while the students were sleeping, in his search for items to steal. The suspect apparently left both apartments through the front door. No Suspect description is available at this time.

*IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION RELATING TO THESE OR SIMILAR INCIDENTS,  
PLEASE CALL VU POLICE AT 32(2-2745)*

*IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS,  
CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT 74-CRIME (742-7463).*

#### PLEASE REMEMBER

\* Stay alert and TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS -- If you feel uneasy, leave.

\* On or off campus, walk/jog/bike in groups of three or more in well-lighted and well-traveled areas; otherwise, after dark on campus, use the **ESCORT SERVICE**. (NOTE: Before parking on campus after dark, stop by the Police & Security Building at 2800 Vanderbilt Place or the ER. Ask for an officer to meet & escort you from your parking space.)

\* Scan the area *before* you exit or approach your vehicle/building and *while* you proceed between sites.

\* Have your key ready in hand to quickly access the door of your vehicle/building.

\* If strangers approach, maintain a distance and be observant; if they are in a vehicle, get the license plate number.

\* Lock doors and windows of your room/building. Don't prop open doors, thwart security measures, or let strangers in.

\* Avoid going to ATM's alone, after dark, or if suspicious persons are nearby.

\* Think ahead about what you would do under dire circumstances. Try to get a description.

**\*\* REPORT SUSPICIOUS PERSONS, VEHICLES, OR ACTIVITIES IMMEDIATELY! \*\***

**ON CAMPUS, DIAL 1-1911 OR USE A BLUE LIGHT PHONE!  
(NOTE: In Medical Center shuttle lots & Lot 72, call 421-1911!)**