

Security Notice UPDATE and ARREST

Jason Jarrell Williams, the suspect described in the incident below, was arrested this afternoon by Metropolitan Nashville Police Department in the south Nashville area and is currently in custody.

Please remember to stay vigilant and utilize our campus safety resources such as Vandy Vans and walking escorts. Vanderbilt community members are also encouraged to download the VUPD mobile safety application, SafeVU.”

“Metropolitan Nashville Police Department identified Jason Jarrell Williams, 31, as the man suspected of raping, kidnapping and robbing a woman in the Belmont area. The suspect, who remains at large, is known to walk in the Belmont / Vanderbilt / West End Avenue areas, as well as the Nolensville Pike / McIver Street area in Woodbine.

Williams, who is believed to be homeless, is described as an African-American male, 6 feet tall and approximately 150 lbs. He has been seen wearing different clothing but has consistently been seen wearing orange shoes.

Officers throughout the city are being alerted to be on the lookout for him. Vanderbilt University Police Department has increased its patrols on campus and at the Medical Center.

More information can be found at, <http://www.nashville.gov/News-Media/News-Article/ID/6261/Jason-Jarrell-Williams-Sought-for-This-Mornings-Brutal-Stranger-Rape-in-the-Belmont-Area.aspx>

Anyone with information about the suspect is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 74-CRIME. Citizens can also send an electronic tip to Crime Stoppers by texting the word “CASH” along with their message to 274637 (CRIMES) or online at www.nashvillecrimestoppers.com. Those who contact Crime Stoppers can remain anonymous and qualify for a cash reward.

VUPD provides walking security escorts to students, faculty and staff. To request a security escort, please call (615) 421-8888. Vanderbilt community members are also encouraged to download the VUPD mobile safety application, SafeVU.”

Risk Reductions:

- Report suspicious persons or activities to VUPD immediately
- Do not share building access with an unknown person
- Avoid isolated or dark areas
- Stay alert and trust your instincts
- Utilize VUPD walking security escorts around the campus community