



JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY



Off Campus Altercation

Harrisonburg Police Case Number
2011- 038329

Crime Alert

6/1/2011

The Harrisonburg Police Department reports on May 30, 2011 at approximately 12:50AM, police officers responded to the 1300 block of Bradley Drive, for a report of shots fired.

Investigation by police revealed people were leaving a party in the 1300 Block of Bradley Drive, when a verbal disagreement between individuals escalated into a physical altercation.

One individual (non-student) received treatment for non-life threatening injuries sustained in the physical altercation at Rockingham Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released.

Although gunshots were fired, no one was hit with bullets. No suspect information currently available.

At this time, this incident does not appear to involve JMU students.

The Harrisonburg Police Department is actively investigating the incident and requests anyone with information call Crime Solvers at 574-5050.

JMU and the City of Harrisonburg want to encourage everyone in the Community to exercise good crime prevention strategies with these party safety tips.

Before the party, plan ahead.

- Go to the party with friends. Make a pact to watch out for each other and leave together.
- Select a designated driver before you leave for the party.
- Use the buddy system.
- Plan to do something at the party besides drinking alcohol, like dancing, socializing, or grabbing a bite to eat.

During the party, be aware and trust your instincts.

- Speak up if you're uncomfortable.
- Make a scene if you can't get out of an uncomfortable situation.
- Observe the environment around you. Is it changing? Do you sense a dangerous situation? If so, move to where you feel more comfortable and call authorities.
- Keep an eye on friends who may be drinking too much. A successful night is when everyone makes it home safe.
- Never leave your drink unattended.

After the party, take care of you & your friends.

- Never let yourself or your friends drive after drinking.
- If necessary, find a safe ride home with a friend who hasn't been drinking, or call a cab.

A poster version of this message suitable for posting on bulletin boards in your area will be available in PDF at:
<http://www.jmu.edu/pubsafety/IncidentListings.shtml>.

Thank You and Stay Safe!