

CRIME ALERT

The Department of Public Safety is investigating a report of a burglary and motor vehicle theft that occurred at 5:45 a.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Southeast Missouri State University School for Young Children, 2089 Bessie Street in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The incident was reported to the Department of Public Safety at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 5. The stolen vehicle is described as a white 1994 Chevrolet Astro van, Missouri license plate number SE-0102. The suspect is described as a white male wearing dark jeans, dark shoes, a grey or white hoodie and a black jacket with lettering on the back. The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information regarding this crime or who has information on the whereabouts of the suspect, please contact the Department of Public Safety at (573) 651-2215.

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PREVENTION

Motor Vehicle Theft:

- Report all suspicious persons, vehicles, and activities immediately to the Department of Public Safety.
- Always lock your vehicle.
- Close your windows and sunroof.
- Always take your keys.
- Do not hide your key in your vehicle.
- Park in areas that are well lit and with pedestrian traffic.
- Do not leave your vehicle running while unattended.
- Use your car alarm or anti-theft devices.
- Do not provide rides to others unless you know and trust them well.

Burglary

Southeast Missouri State University places a high priority on security in our residence halls, but incidents of theft or damage to personal property sometimes occur.

Entrances to Southeast's residence halls are locked 24 hours a day. Entry into the Towers Complex, Merick Hall and LaFerla Hall plaza level, Dearmont Complex and

Dobbins River Campus Center ground level are open during business hours. It is the responsibility of each building resident to ensure that doors are closed properly. Doors that are propped open or blocked jeopardize the security of all residents. The University provides locks on room doors and door keys to residents for personal safety and safeguarding of possessions. All residents are urged to keep their doors locked, even if you are only planning to be gone a short time. Allowing another individual to use your key or key card or holding the door for others (e.g. tailgating) to gain entrance into your building is a misuse of access and may result in disciplinary action. If you find an unexplained open/broken window or door, do not enter as the perpetrator may still be inside. Note the descriptions of any suspicious persons. Report all suspicious activity to police immediately.

In the event you experience a loss by theft, immediately advise your Hall Director and the Department of Public Safety. Students are strongly encouraged to record the serial numbers and type of all electronic devices in their room. Items such as laptops and other high value items should never be left unattended. Students should secure valuables, including medication, money and other small valuable items in a personal safe or lock box.

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Resources:

UNIVERSITY POLICE: 573.651.2215 / 573.651.2595 (anonymous tip-line)

CAMPUS VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM: 573.986.6899 / CVPP@semo.edu