

SAFETY MESSAGE



Dear Campus Community,

The following information is being shared to enhance your personal safety at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The goal is to provide information so the UNL community has awareness of the situation and can take precautions for their own safety, as well as to encourage reporting of similar situations to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police. Information reported in this message is based on the situation as currently known to UNLPD.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department is investigating a firearm being displayed following a verbal altercation between two people.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2023, in the 14th Street recreation areas at 1010 N. 14th Street (near the Harper-Schramm-Smith Residence Hall complex).

The suspect fled the area prior to UNLPD being notified of the incident.

The suspect is described as a dark complected male, approximately 6 feet tall and slender, short black hair, with tattoos down both arms. He was last seen wearing a white tank top with grey shorts, and he drove away from the scene in a 2013-2015 white Chevrolet Malibu.

Related UNLPD Case Number: 23002163

Personal Safety Tips

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln firmly believes a crime survivor is never responsible for the other person's actions or criminal conduct and it is the fault of the perpetrator alone. The UNLPD is providing the following safety tips in an effort to assist the University community with taking the necessary precautions.

- Trust your instincts, and if you feel unsafe in any situation, get to a safe place and call for help.
- Intervene in a situation only if it can be done safely and call for help if you witness disrespectful or inappropriate behavior or a violent crime. It is a good idea to discuss how you might handle these types of circumstances in conversations with your friends before you are confronted with a particular situation. Use different scenarios and develop strategies to use in a specific event. Bystander intervention is an excellent way to stop an incident from occurring.
- Try to diffuse the situation if someone is trying to start a fight. Be polite and maintain a relaxed posture. If diffusing the situation is not working, remove yourself from the situation and immediately call police.
- If unable to remove yourself from the situation, attempt to remember as many details as possible regarding the person responsible including distinguishing features, clothing, and a description of vehicles if applicable.
- A list of campus safety resources can be found at <https://safety.unl.edu>.

Crime prevention and awareness, as well as consistent reporting, may be the strongest defenses against becoming a victim. Please call UNLPD immediately at 402-472-2222 (2-2222 on campus) to report information on this incident, or on any crime or suspicious activity or person. If you have any questions about this message, please contact the UNLPD at the phone number above or email unl.police@unl.edu.

