

SAFETY MESSAGE



Dear Campus Community,

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department has made an arrest in connection to the assault which occurred on campus in the early morning hours of Sunday, March 30, 2025.

The suspect is a 21-year-old male and a resident of Norfolk, Nebraska. He is not affiliated with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The suspect was arrested this morning on a charge of third-degree assault with a hate crime enhancement, making this a class IV felony under Nebraska State Law.

The department would like to thank the campus and surrounding community for its response to help identify the suspect.

Related UNLPD Case Number: 25000984

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

- Always remain alert and aware when walking alone, paying full attention to who is around you. Walk with your head up (avoid looking at the ground) and observe your surroundings.
- Take breaks from talking on your cell phone or texting when walking to observe your surroundings. Avoid listening to music through earbuds/headphones loud enough it blocks outside sounds.

- If after dark, always walk with a friend or in a group when possible and travel well-lit and busy routes. When able, avoid walking or parking in dark or isolated areas. Avoid walking with people you do not know well or trust.
- Take advantage of the bus service on campus. Buses pick up and drop off in well-lit areas and typically groups enter and exit. Feel free to contact the UNLPD and request a Safe Walk if you are by yourself.
- Have your keys in your hand as you approach your door and remember to be alert to what and who is around you. Glance under your car, around it and in the back seat as you get in.
- Never hitchhike or accept rides from strangers. Move away from any vehicle if approached by someone unknown. You are under no obligation to communicate; it is okay to be rude if you do not wish to talk to someone who makes you feel uncomfortable.
- If you suspect someone is following you or feel uncomfortable about someone near you, stay away from dimly lit areas and head to a populated area or building you know is open. Change directions, cross the street, and/or vary your pace. Show you are suspicious and aware of the person.
- Cause a scene if you feel threatened; yell if necessary.
- *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 unlpd@unl.edu.

