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Community Bulletin: Suspicious Person/Peeping Tom

The Harrisonburg Police Department has recently received several reports of a suspicious male in the vicinity of South Main Street between East Grattan Street and South Avenue. These reports have involved a male who has been described as being in his twenties or thirties, tall, thin build, light colored hair, with possibly a thin goatee. While HPD has not received reports of assaults or similar offenses related to this individual, the department feels that the community should be made aware of this activity.

On October 9, 2014 a white male who was described as 6'3", 200 lbs, with short, sandy blonde hair and a slight goatee was reported to have been running behind a female as she walked toward her apartment on South Avenue. He stopped each time she turned around, and then he followed her into a stairwell/breezeway as she entered her apartment. On October 25th a white male who was described as 5'10", 165 lbs, with brown shoulder-length light brown hair entered into an apartment on West View Street and asked for an unknown female. He left out a back door of the residence without further incident. On October 26th a peeper was reported to have been looking into a bedroom window on East Grattan Street. Two female residents saw the male and described him as 6'3", thin build, with shoulder-length dirty blonde/red hair. The complainants recognized him as a male who had followed them toward the residence on a previous occasion. After they saw him peering into a bedroom window, they explained that someone attempted to open several of the locked doors of the residence.

The Harrisonburg Police Department always recommends that residents use caution to help prevent becoming the victim of a crime whenever possible. Avoid unnecessarily walking alone, especially at night. Notify a friend or family member when you leave a particular location and then again upon reaching your destination. Always lock all doors and keep windows shut and locked. Call 911 if you see anything suspicious or feel in danger.

Anyone with information related to the incidents mentioned above or other pertinent information is encouraged to call the Criminal Investigations Division at 540-437-2640. Callers can provide anonymous tips at CrimeSolvers: 540-574-5050 or text "HPD" plus the tip to CRIMES (274637). And again, do not hesitate to call 911 if anything feels out-of-place.