

# Bucknell University

Department of Public Safety

BUPS Case Number: 2007-752

## TIMELY NOTIFICATION BULLETIN

### Possible Threat to the Community

"Your Right to Know"

October 22, 2007

**Timely Warning Update for BUPS Case number 2007-752 of KIDNAPPING originally issued on October 20, 2007 necessitates an official change of case status to:**

**UNFOUNDED**

**following the determination of a FALSE REPORT having been made to Public Safety**

In compliance with the "Timely Notice" provisions of the federal *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998*, the Department of Public Safety is giving notice of a change of status in the previously reported KIDNAPPING alleged to have occurred on the campus of Bucknell University on Moore Avenue near the Route 15 intersection, to unfounded.

The alleged offense had originally been reported by the complainant to have occurred on October 20, 2007 at approximately 12:30 a.m. At that time the "suspect" was reported by the complainant to have been a Caucasian male driving a SUV, dark in color, with make and model undetermined.

This report, delayed by the complainant until later in the same day, though burdened with conflicting evidence of fact, could not be discounted by Public Safety and police at that time.

Due to the expectations of the TIMELY NOTIFICATION AND WARNING provisions of the federal "Clery" Act a warning relative to this complaint was required to be made to the university community. The U.S. Department of Education has articulated the expectation that serious criminal incidents posing a threat to the community must be communicated in a timely manner.

Bucknell Public Safety knew there was a possibility that this was a FALSE REPORT, but had no choice but to issue the Timely Warning. Through a comprehensive and detailed investigation in conjunction with East Buffalo Police it was later determined that indeed the report was not factually based.

**It continues to be the duty of the institution to warn of possible "dangerous conditions" on or near its campus, and at affiliate organizations off campus; an "affirmative duty" exists to warn persons associated with this university of possible danger at the hands of some third party or parties. Until it can be positively proved otherwise on a case by case basis the BUPS will continue the issuance of Timely Warnings to the university community. Please do not allow this false reporting by the complainant discourage legitimate reports of suspected crimes.**

**Such reports can be made by calling the Department of Public Safety (570)577-3333; in person at the Public Safety Building; or, if you wish, anonymously at;  
<http://www.bucknell.edu/x6442.xml>**

**Thank you.**

