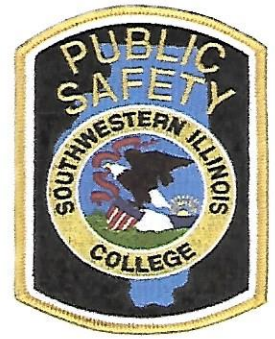




Southwestern Illinois College Department of Public Safety



CRIME ALERT

2/01/2017

Armed Vehicular Car-Jacking SWIC MetroLink

- On Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017, at approximately 8:45 p.m., Public Safety officers received notification that an armed carjacking had occurred on the parking lot of the College MetroLink Station.
- An interior and exterior search of the campus was conducted and it was determined the suspect departed campus in the stolen vehicle.
- A short time later, the suspect was taken into custody off campus by Belleville Police and the stolen vehicle was recovered.
- While the threat to the campus community was eliminated, it is important to keep in mind that crime reduction on campus requires the continued active support of the college community. The following are crime prevention tips that will help achieve that goal:
 - Be aware of your surroundings. Visually scan the area by looking 360 degrees around you (side to side and front to back).
 - Trust your gut feelings. If you feel that you are in a dangerous situation, you are probably right.
 - If you are uncomfortable with someone's behavior or feel threatened, remove yourself from the situation.
 - Carry your cell phone or other alerting device.
 - If you see something that looks suspicious, REPORT IT!
 - Contact Public Safety for safety escorts to and from your vehicles, classes or office.

(618) 235-2700

Belleville Campus: Public Safety (ext. 5221)

Granite City Campus: Public Safety (ext. 7372)

Red Bud: Executive Director or Evening Supervisor (ext 8104)

- **Additional Information** – Contact Lt. Edwards, 618-222-5270.
- **Date of Issue:** 2/2/2017