Crime Alert – February 9, 2015:

The Lamar University Police Department is providing a crime alert on a stolen cellular phone, taken by force, that occurred on the walkway between the Cherry Engineering building and the Maes building.

Crime Information:

The Lamar University Police Department has received a report of a crime on campus. At approximately 7:35 p.m. a student was walking on the concrete walkway, between the Cherry Engineering building and the Maes building, when a black male ran up behind her and grabbed a cellular phone from her hand. When the suspect grabbed the cellular phone, it caused minor scratches to the victim’s finger. No threats were made and no weapons were observed at the time the cellular phone was taken. The suspect ran eastbound from the area towards Rolfe Christopher Drive. The suspect was followed and last seen near the apartment complex located at 1095 Georgia Avenue –near Cochran Street.

Suspect Information:

The suspect was described as a black male, 5’9” tall, having a medium build, with a light beard. He was last observed wearing a black baseball cap, black jacket, black jeans, and white tennis-shoes.

Safety Tips:

- Report suspicious people to the Police immediately.
- Look around and be aware of your surroundings, call the Police if you feel you need a courtesy escort.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight.
- Create an inventory of your belongings, listing the items and serial numbers.
- Take photos of your valuables, and keep this list and photos in a safe location. This will help assist the police in recovering your items if they are ever stolen.

If you have any further information about this crime, please contact Lamar University Police Department immediately at 409-880-8307. Lamar University Police are currently conducting the criminal investigation at this time.