Subject: Dangers Associated with Illegal Drug Use

Students-

Western Carolina University Police are issuing the following reminder and caution to the campus community. Please keep in mind that the use of illegal drugs, including marijuana, is a high-risk behavior that may expose users to criminal prosecution and university sanctions as well as the possibility of the ingestion of unknown dangerous chemicals and compounds that may affect one’s health and well-being.

Recent information received by WCU Police indicates the possibility that some illegal drugs circulating in the local area may be contaminated or laced with unknown chemicals or compounds that cause unexpected serious symptoms or may damage one’s health. These symptoms can include prolonged hallucinations, numbness in extremities, thoughts of self-harm, memory loss, and confusion.

We are asking and encouraging students to report any relevant information by calling (828) 227-8911 to share information with a police officer or by making an anonymous report via the WCU Police “Silent Witness” website: <http://www.wcu.edu/9036.asp>

Finally, students are reminded to immediately call (828) 227-8911 for emergency medical assistance when on campus or 911 when off campus.

Let’s continue working together to keep our community safe!

Thanks,

Chief Ernie Hudson

WCU Police