**Incident: Bear Sighting**

**Date/Time: 11/17/19  01:00 AM**

**Location: Multiple Areas Around Campus**

**Description of Incident: A black bear has been sighted on campus in multiple areas.  If you see a bear please contact University Police at (828) 227-7301. Black bears typically are not dangerous but we would ask that students, faculty, staff, and visitors not attempt to approach the bear, take pictures of the bear, or attempt to feed the bear.  They will usually run away from humans *except*** **if they have offspring in the area. It is not unusual for bears to be spotted around campus at this time of year. We are in a rural area and wildlife is prevalent. Please be aware of your surroundings and give any wildlife ample space.** 

**Tips:**

* Be aware of your surroundings
* Utilize locks when leaving your office, room, or vehicle unattended
* Have emergency numbers programmed into your cell phone
* Report suspicious behavior to University Police immediately

The Community is asked to report any crimes to University Police at 828-227-8911.

Thank You

WCU Public Safety