

November 26, 2013

On Tuesday morning, Nov. 26, it was determined that tiles being removed from the first floor of the east wing of Sherrick Hall during a Monday, Nov. 25, flooring project contained asbestos.

The building has been closed pending air and surface testing and cleaning.

Test results are expected by approximately noon on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Cleaning should be completed by then as well. The building will be retested after cleaning.

The floor tile in question is NOT a friable material and the risk of asbestos exposure to anyone in the building on Monday or Tuesday is considered extremely low. Friable materials are those that can crumble into a fine powder.

Out of an abundance of caution, those areas at risk of asbestos exposure are being tested and cleaned. Testing consists of Transmission Electron Microscopy, considered an industry standard.

While the potential for asbestos exposure is limited to the east wing, first floor, the entire building has been closed to avoid blocking a fire exit.

The university will communicate the test results once received. The university will also host an informational session for anyone who was in the building on Monday, Nov. 26 and Tuesday, Nov. 27 at a time to be announced.

Updates will be posted at <http://www.montana.edu/sherrick/>

November 27, 2013

Sherrick Hall reopened Wednesday. Air tests for asbestos returned with negative results

Sherrick Hall has been reopened for regular business on Wednesday, Nov. 27, after air tests showed negative results of an asbestos release.

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Transmission electron microscopy, an industry standard, was used to test air and surface samples in the building. The air samples showed no potential asbestos exposure. Of eight surface samples, six returned negative and two showed a trace level of asbestos. All areas have been subsequently

cleaned following industry best practices to remove even this trace amount. These test results indicated the potential exposure to people in the building Monday and Tuesday was extremely low.

No further updates are planned on this issue.

October 29, 2013

MSU Timely Warning: Sexual Intercourse without Consent

MSU issues timely warnings in compliance with federal law for crimes that have already occurred which the university considers to be a serious and continuing threat to its community.

On October 28th, 2013 at approximately 7:51 p.m. the Montana State University Police Department responded to Bozeman Deaconess Hospital for a late report of sexual intercourse without consent which occurred on the early morning hours of Saturday, October 26th, 2013, in the North Hedges Residence Hall. The victim reported spending time in the room of a male known to her, when he sexually assaulted her. Investigation into the incident is pending.

The MSU Police Department reminds all students, staff, and campus visitors to be aware that sexual assaults typically occur between individuals that know each other, and that "stranger rapes" are rare. Alcohol is the most common "date rape drug" used. If a friend or acquaintance confides in you that they have been raped, believe them. Urge them not to shower or wash their clothes, and encourage them to go to the hospital for a sexual assault exam kit (even if a person is unsure what they want to do at that point, the evidence can be preserved for the future). MSU Police and advocates are always available to assist individuals who have been victimized by sexual assault.

The MSU Police Department offers crime prevention presentations and provides escorts which are available on campus 24 hours a day for any student, faculty, staff or visitor. The MSU Police can be reached at (406) 994-2121. Advocates from the VOICE Center can be reached at (406) 994-7069. Anonymous reports can be made to the MSU Police Department at switness@montana.edu and at the VOICE Center.

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October 7, 2013

MSU Timely Warning: Suspicious Incident in North Fieldhouse Lot

MSU issues timely warnings in compliance with federal law for crimes that have already occurred which the university considers to be a serious and continuing threat to its community.

On Sunday October 6, 2013 at 1:00 a.m. an MSU student on walking to her vehicle from the Visual Communications Building at 11th and Grant to the North Fieldhouse Lot observed a suspicious male walking towards her. Upon entering her vehicle, locking the doors, and proceeding to leave, the student reported the suspicious male began pulling on her door handle and banging on the window appearing to want to enter the vehicle. The student immediately backed out of her parking space and left the scene. The suspicious male subject is described as being 5' 7", 180 lbs., long brown, curly hair, wearing shorts and a tie-dyed t-shirt. The incident was reported to police Sunday October 6th, and is currently under investigation.

Anyone observing a suspicious male fitting this description on campus or experiencing a similar situation should contact MSU Police immediately @ 994-2121.

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September 16, 2013

MSU Timely Warning: Sexual Intercourse without Consent

MSU issues timely warnings in compliance with federal law for crimes that have already occurred which the university considers to be a serious and continuing threat to its community.

On September 15th, 2013 at approximately 1:24 a.m. the Montana State University Police Department responded to a report of sexual intercourse without consent which occurred at the Sigma Chi fraternity house located at 722 S. Wilson Avenue. The victim reported partying with new acquaintances and that alcohol was being consumed at the event. The victim reported being taken into a room and sexually assaulted by two unnamed males. Investigation into this incident is pending.

On September 15th, 2013 at approximately 3:45 a.m. the Montana State University Police Department responded to a late report of sexual intercourse without consent which occurred on September 13th, 2013 at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house located at 1321 S. 5th Avenue. The victim reported partying with a male that she knew. She suspected that she had been drugged and assaulted sexually. Investigation into this incident is pending.

The MSU Police Department reminds all students, staff, and campus visitors to use caution when consuming alcoholic beverages and/or being in areas where intoxicating substances are used. It is recommended that individuals not accept beverages that another person has opened or prepared. Always exercise caution when in the company of new acquaintances at social gatherings.

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August 28, 2013

MSU Timely Warning – Request for Assistance FBI Offers Up to \$5,000 Reward for Information Concerning Hate Crime in Bozeman, Montana

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information that leads to the identification, arrest, and conviction of the person or persons, who vandalized three churches in Bozeman, Montana. The FBI is investigating the matters as a hate crime due to the sheer volume of profane anti-religious graffiti and acts of arson discovered inside the churches.

In addition, suspects are facing potential state felony charges associated with arson, burglary, and defacing a religious institution.

The incidents, which appear to be related, occurred in March, April, and August 2013, and no arrests have been made in any of the three cases. The Bozeman Police Department, the Montana State University Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been collaborating on the investigation and are seeking the public's assistance with any information on the incidents.

More about the vandalism and arsons:

The first incident occurred on March 9, 2013, at the Kirkwood Baptist Church on 309 North 15th Avenue in Bozeman. The second incident occurred on April 7, 2013, at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church on 220 West Main Street in Bozeman. The third incident occurred on August 15, 2013, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on 1316 S 5th Ave in Bozeman.

The churches were broken into during the late evening or early morning hours. Inside the churches, anti-religious statements were spray-painted, multiple fires were set, religious items were desecrated, and significant property damage occurred.

How to submit tips:

Anyone who has information about the incidents or the person or persons who committed these acts is asked to contact the FBI's Bozeman Office at (406) 994-0927, the Bozeman Police Department at (406) 582-2010, or the Montana State University Police at (406) 994-2121. If you would like to remain anonymous, you may report information electronically to MSU Police at switness@montana.edu or to e-mail tips to the FBI Salt Lake City Division, which covers Montana, at Salt Lake City @ic.fbi.gov.

MSU Police encourages you to take responsibility for protecting yourself and your community.

July 24, 2013

MSU Timely Warning: Sexual Intercourse without Consent

On July 24, 2013 at approximately 4:15 p.m. the Montana State University Police Department responded to a report of sexual intercourse without consent which occurred at an unknown

residence, possibly near campus. The victim reported partying with new acquaintances and that alcohol and marijuana had been consumed. The victim reported that she became incapacitated and woke at approximately 2:00 p.m. to the perpetrator sexually assaulting her. The perpetrator was described as a white male, approximately 5'6" to 6' in height, weighing approximately 220 to 240 pounds with short "buzz cut" blonde hair. The perpetrator was also described as having a goatee and brown eyes. This incident is currently under investigation.

If anyone has information related to this incident, please contact the MSU Police Department immediately at 994-2121. For anonymous reporting, email correspondence may be sent to MSU Police at: switness@montana.edu

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July 16, 2013

MSU Timely warning:

On July 16, 2013, between 9:00a.m. and 10:00 a.m., two different residents of Branegan Court in Family&Graduate Housing reported an unknown individual either opening or attempting to open their back door while they were inside. The individual left upon finding someone at home at one location and left upon finding the door locked at another. Currently, there is no suspect description available.

This incident was reported to MSU Police at approximately 1:40 p.m. and is currently under investigation.

This incident serves as a reminder for students, as well as faculty, staff, and visitors, to be mindful of their surroundings and report anyone or anything suspicious immediately at 994-2121.

MSU Police advises everyone to take measures to protect themselves by following a few crime prevention tips: Always lock the doors to your residence or residence hall room, even while you are there. If you arrive at your residence and believe someone has entered it, do not go inside but call the MSU Police immediately.

If you have information regarding this incident, please call MSU Police at 994-2121. If you would like to remain anonymous, you may report electronically at switness@montana.edu. MSU Police encourages you to take responsibility for protecting yourself and your community.

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June 24, 2013

MSU Timely warning:

On June 24, 2013, between 11:15a.m. and 11:20 a.m., a male individual was seen masturbating in a vehicle on 12th street, outside the North Hedges Residence Hall. The male is described as Caucasian, in his twenties, with chin-length dark brown hair, and wearing a button-down style shirt. The male was in an older model silver Chevrolet sedan with Montana license plates that begin with the number 6. This incident was reported to MSU Police at approximately 1:00 p.m. and is currently under investigation.

This incident serves as a reminder for students, as well as faculty, staff, and visitors, to be mindful of their surroundings and report anyone or anything suspicious immediately at 994-2121.

MSU Police advises everyone to take measures to protect themselves by following a few crime prevention tips: Always lock your vehicle and door to your residence. Avoid being in isolated areas by yourself, especially at night. Utilize the MSU PD safety escort service if you are uncomfortable walking across campus. Be vigilant in maintaining awareness of your environment. If you observe suspicious activity, report it to MSU Police immediately.

If you have information regarding this incident, please call MSU Police at 994-2121. If you would like to remain anonymous, you may report electronically at switness@montana.edu. MSU Police encourages you to take responsibility for protecting yourself and your community.

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April 30, 2013

MSU Timely warning:

Since April 26, 2013, the MSU community has experienced 7 cases of theft from the Renne Library. Unattended laptops and wallets/purses have been stolen. In most cases, the items were unattended for less than 10 minutes.

These incidents are under investigation by MSU Police.

These thefts serve as a reminder for students, as well as faculty, staff, and visitors, to be attentive to their possessions while in the library.

Also, MSU Police urges individuals to be mindful of their surroundings and report anyone or anything suspicious immediately at 944-2121.

MSU Police advises everyone to take measures to prevent property theft by following a few easy crime prevention tips. Document serial numbers for all electronics and never leave valuable items unsecured or unattended. Be vigilant in maintaining awareness of your environment. If you observe suspicious activity, report it to MSU Police immediately.

If you have information regarding these thefts, please call MSU Police at 994-2121. If you would like to remain anonymous, you may report electronically at switness@montana.edu. MSU Police encourages you to take responsibility for protecting your property and your community.

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February 28, 2013

MSU Timely Warning: Attempted kidnapping at MSU Family and Graduate Housing.

The MSU Police Department is investigating a report of an attempted kidnapping on the MSU campus.

On Feb. 27, a Bozeman Police Department School Resource Officer notified MSU Police of an attempted kidnapping. The officer reported that an elementary-school aged male resident of Paisley Court reported that he was approached by an unknown male suspect in a black pickup truck. The incident occurred at approximately 9:15 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 26, near the child's residence in MSU Family and Graduate Housing. The suspect attempted to get the child into the truck by saying, "Hey you, come over here. I'll give you a ride home." The child refused to get into the truck and fled the scene.

The suspect was described as over 6 feet tall with a mustache and tan complexion. The vehicle was described as a full-sized, four-door 4x4 black pickup truck.

In a similar incident, on Tuesday, Feb. 5, an elementary-school aged female reported that she was approached near Hyalite Elementary by a male suspect in a black pickup truck. The suspect asked the child to get into the truck. The girl refused and ran to a crossing guard.

If anyone has information related to these incidents or other suspicious activity, please contact MSU Police Department at 994-2121.

MSU Police Department reminds all students, faculty, staff and campus visitors to be alert and aware of their surroundings, use caution when walking alone at all times, stay in well-lit areas and travel in groups.

Parents are encouraged to use this as an opportunity to speak with their children about stranger safety and what to do if approached by an unknown person.

The MSU Police Department has escorts available on campus 24 hours a day for any student, faculty, staff or visitor. Contact the MSU Police Department to request an escort. Safety escorts are a long-term, ongoing program of the MSU Police Department.

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