Suspicious Activity Near Campus

The Department of Public Safety has received two (2) reports of suspicious activity involving slow moving vehicles attempting to communicate with AU students walking on the sidewalk near the 4200 block of Massachusetts Ave, NW.

In one incident, a white van, with orange roof lights, approached the AU student. In second incident, a white pick-up truck, with orange roof lights, pulled alongside the AU student. In both incidents, the vehicle’s driver asked the student for directions and drove off, but then looped around and approached each student again. In one incident the driver got out of the van and walked in the direction of the student. In one incident, the driver asked personal questions.

In both cases, the students fled the scene on foot and were not pursued by the van. No injuries or physical contact were reported in either incident.

The suspect, believed to be the same individual, is described as an African-American male, with dreadlocks and a medium build. He was last seen wearing a black T-shirt, baggy blue jeans and a wallet chain.

Remember, Be Vigilant and Follow These Tips:

Avoid walking alone in isolated or dark areas.
Be alert — notice who is on the street nearby and what is going on.
Notice appearances — be able to describe clothing, features, and anything unusual to identify a person.

If you have information relating to these incidents, or witness suspicious activity, please call the Department of Public Safety at 202-885-3636 or 911 for the Metropolitan Police Department.