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DURHAM, N.H. –Thanks in part to the University of New Hampshire’s campus crime alert system, UNH Police arrested Marcy E. Delacruz, for an assault that occurred on campus in front of Stoke Hall in September.

On Sept. 20, 2009, the University of New Hampshire Police responded to a report of an assault at 11 Garrison Avenue (Stoke Hall). Upon arrival police officers found a university student who had been beaten about the face, lost consciousness and required hospitalization.

UNH Police immediately issued a campuswide alert. Witnesses reported the suspect was a white male about 5-foot-10 to 6 feet tall with black hair, wearing a yellow and light-colored shirt.

Shortly after the alert went out, a UNH student who received the alert on his cell phone saw a male matching the description and overheard the male talking about the assault. The student reported this information to the police which eventually led to the arrest of: Marcy E. Delacruz, of 297 Bartlett Street, Manchester, NH, DOB: 10/28/88.

Delacruz is not a UNH student.

According to Deputy Chief of Police Paul H. Dean, “The real story here is the effectiveness of our campus crime alert system. The fact that students are virtually connected through e-mail and text messaging is proof that an effective and timely notification of the campus community is a critical component of an overall campus safety strategy.”

Delacruz was charged with second degree assault and released on personal recognizance bail to appear in Dover District Court on Jan. 14, 2010.

Dean reminds the campus community to call 911 immediately upon observing anyone or anything suspicious. For additional safety information go to:
<http://unh.edu/upd/Prevention%20-%20General.html>

A mug shot of Delacruz available for download:
http://www.unh.edu/news/img/delacruz_mug_shot.jpg