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UNH Works With Durham Police to Post Community Alerts

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DURHAM, N.H. -- University of New Hampshire officials today said they are working with the Durham Police Department to post community alerts to Durham residents in downtown businesses, restaurants and bars. The bulletin warns residents of the recent series of burglaries that have occurred in Durham since June 24, and steps they can take to increase their own safety.

While this series of burglaries has prompted university officials to post these safety tips earlier than usual, this information is provided to all new and returning students at the start of each new academic year. They are:

- Lock doors and other entrances.
- If you live off campus, keep outside lights on all night.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Use the UNH Security Escort Service.
- If you see suspicious activity, call UNH or Durham Police.
- Use Blue Light phones, and safety phones, located in all UNH building entrances.
- Walk in groups.
- Stay on well-lit paths.
- Remember that when you dial 911, the call goes directly to the UNH Dispatch Center on the Durham campus.

Meanwhile, a special task force announced late last week by Durham Police Chief David Kurz, comprised of local, county and state law enforcement agencies, has been working closely on the case. Details of the task force activity are confidential so that the investigation will not be compromised. Residence halls remain secured around the clock and only students living in those halls will have access to the buildings.

Finally, the following is a resource list for students, faculty and staff. Again this is information that is provided to the UNH community at the beginning of each academic year.

- UNH Security Escort Service, Janetos House, 862-1427
- UNH Dispatch Center, 911
- UNH Police, Janetos House, 862-1427
- Durham Police, 868-2324
- UNH Counseling Center, Schofield House, 8 Garrison Ave.
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- Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP),
12 Ballard St., which also houses UNH Health Services, 862-
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