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DURHAM, N.H. -- University of New Hampshire officials are working in close partnership with the Durham Police Department to help aid in apprehending the perpetrator who is breaking into unsecured off-campus apartments in Durham.

“With first-year and returning students arriving on campus at the end of the month, all of the university’s energies are focused on preparing information for students and families to alert them to this particular situation in Durham,” said UNH Provost and Executive Vice President Bruce Mallory. “We are urging all students to follow safety guidelines that are currently being posted and distributed downtown and that are on the university’s Web site at www.unh.edu.”

Residence halls remain secured around the clock and only students living in those halls will have access to the buildings. UNH police have stepped up patrols around the campus, and safety phones are available in the front lobby of every building. A special task force announced late last week by Durham Police Chief David Kurz and comprised of local, county and state law enforcement agencies, has been working closely on the case and UNH officials hope for closure soon.

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