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Purdue male student reports late-night assault

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Police are looking for three men who allegedly attacked a male Purdue University student around 11:40 p.m. Sunday (Oct. 29) near the west end of Horticulture Park.

The student told Purdue police that he was accosted after he used an automated teller machine at Purdue West and then walked toward Horticulture Park, west of McCormick Road on Indiana 26. Three men demanded his coat and everything in it and attacked when he refused, said Capt. John Cox. The student said he fought back against the men, one of whom may have had a knife. The men were last seen running west along Indiana 26.



[Composite sketches](#)

According to a police report, two of the suspects are white males 6 feet, 1 inch to 6 feet, 3 inches tall and weighing about 215 pounds. One wore a stocking cap, a dark-colored sweatshirt and sweatpants. The other had a darker complexion, dark hair and wore a dark T-shirt and jeans. The third attacker was possibly Hispanic, 5 feet, 5 inches to 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighing 155 to 170 pounds. His head was shaved and he wore a dark T-shirt and jeans.

Following the attack, the student called a friend, who then contacted police. Cox said the student refused medical treatment at the scene.

Battery is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison and a maximum fine of \$5,000. Attempted robbery is a Class B felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

Anyone with information about the case should call the [Purdue Police Department](#) at (765) 494-8221 or the anonymous crime tip line at (765) 496-3784.

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