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Third Peeping Tom incident reported in past month at Boston University

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Officials at Boston University are asking students to be on alert after police received the third report of a Peeping Tom incident in the past month.

Three female students, in three separate incidents, have reported seeing someone holding a cell phone under a shower stall and attempting to either photograph or film them, school officials said.

The most recent incident reported to university police is alleged to have happened during the morning hours late last week on an upper floor of one of three high-rise dormitories in the Warren Towers complex on BU's eastern part of campus, school spokesman Colin Riley said, confirming the news first reported by Boston University's independent student-run newspaper, [The Daily Free Press](#).

All residents of the 1,800-bed, three-tower complex at 700 Commonwealth Ave. were alerted shortly after the Boston University Police Department received the latest report, in which the victim reported seeing a hand grab the

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phone and that the suspect then ran from the dorm bathroom, the spokesman said.

The first two incidents occurred on Jan. 22 and Jan. 25 at Clafin Hall at 273 Babcock Street on the western part of campus, authorities said previously.

“We don’t have any evidence that they are connected,” the university spokesman said today of the three incidents.

He said there is no suspect or suspects nor is there a description of a suspect or suspects.

On Jan. 22, at around 12:30 p.m., a female student reported that while showering, she saw someone holding a Blackberry under the curtain and pointing it in her direction. On Jan. 25, at around 8 a.m. , another female student reported seeing someone holding an iPhone under the shower stall divider in a bathroom on a different floor. University officials said the incidents do not appear to be related.

No further information about the incidents was available, according to the spokesman.

Riley said that at both of the dorms where the incidents have been reported there is 24-hour security, and an access card must be swiped into order to open each building’s entrances.

“Residents should be alert for anyone who appears out of place based on the circumstances, anyone who appears to suddenly change their direction of travel or move from a stationary position upon your observation, anyone who appears uncomfortable when you take notice of them,” a previous police alert said.

Anyone with information about the incidents are asked to contact BU Police at 617-353-2121.

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