Subject: Attempted Kidnaping Incident Near One Stop Center

An attempted kidnapping was reported at UH Kaua‘i Community College yesterday, Monday, November 27, 2023. It was reported that at approximately 3:00 p.m. yesterday, a suspect attempted to kidnap an individual in the parking lot in front of the One Stop Center. It was reported that the suspect knew the victim. It was also reported that the suspect physically attacked a bystander who attempted to intervene.

The suspect was described as a 5'9” male of Filipino descent, who wore a black jacket and black pants. The suspect drove a gray 4runner (Hawai‘i Plate Number ZJD 276). The suspect has been identified and Kaua‘i Police Department is investigating.

If you have any information about this incident, please contact College’s Campus Safety and Security at (808) 245-8399 or police at 911.

Responsibility is with the perpetrator, not the victim - no one deserves, asks for or provokes physical assault, kidnapping, or other violence, including intimate partner violence and sexual violence.

Safety Tips to Consider:

- **E mālama i kekahi i kekahi** – Take care of others and your friends. If you sense a friend may need your help, or may be getting into a risky situation, offer them your support. For example, offer to go on a fun double-date in public with a friend who may be meeting someone for the first time.
- **E maka‘ala** – Be alert. Practice being aware and alert of your surroundings and remember that we cannot control everything around us. Every situation may be different, but being aware of warning signs can give you a head start.
- **E mālama pono** – Stay safe. For example, practice encouraging friends to travel in pairs or with trusted companions, especially at night or in remote areas.
- If you or someone you know is the victim of intimate partner violence or sexual violence, help is available. For 24/7 assistance with safety planning or support, call or text YWCA of Kaua‘i at (808) 245-6362.
- **If you feel that you or others are in immediate danger, call 911.** In non-emergency situations, you may contact the College’s Campus Safety and Security at (808) 245-8399.

Reporting Options & Resources

Resources listed below are available to survivors of violence, including intimate partner violence and sexual violence. Resources are available whether or not a survivor
decides to report the incident to police. Any of the resources listed below can assist in reporting an incident to police or to any other agency or UH office listed, upon request.

- **Advocacy Services**: contact the College’s Confidential Advocate, Melia Schneck, at 808-278-3508 or melia@ywckauai.org for advocacy services, crisis counseling and support, risk assessment, safety planning, Title IX support, and referral services. These offices can assist you and explain the various options and resources available and are trained to assist victims and survivors with the emotional and physical impacts of gender violence.

- **Counseling Services for Students**: For students, please contact:
  - Jie “Jaye” Shen, Mental Health Counselor and registered Art Therapist
    Phone: 808-245-8346
    Office: Library (LRC) 120
  - Hale Mālama
    Campus Phone: 808-245-8346
    Email: hmalama@hawaii.edu
    Offices: Library Rms 120, 121

- **Employee Counseling Services**: Please speak with your Human Resources representative, who can provide information on the [Employee Assistance Program](#).

- **Law Enforcement/Public Safety assistance**: You can report the incident to the Campus Safety and Security at (808) 245-8399. Security is available 24 hours a day. You can also report to police at 911.

- **Sex Abuse Hotline**: Available by phone 24/7 at (808) 245-6362.