



Department of Police and Public Safety

Campus Community Advisory Update
On Campus – Breaking/Entering, Larceny
“See Something, Say Something”

Fayetteville State University Case: 2025-0023

Date Occurred: 01/27/2025

Date Reported: 01/27/2025

Reported Crime: Breaking and Entering, Larceny, Financial Fraud

Location: Taylor Social Science, Science and Technology, Lyons Science Annex, Lyons Science.

Notice is being provided to the campus community in regard to a crime that occurred on campus at the listed buildings on January 27th, 2025, at approximately 9:30 a.m. to 10:43 a.m. A report of larceny was received by the police department and investigation determined that Douglas Edward Epps was on campus after previously being trespassed from Fayetteville State University property. Epps has been charged and convicted multiple times in the past for Breaking and Entering, Larceny, Financial Card Theft, and Financial Card Fraud. Epps continues to come back to the property after being banned to commit more crimes of the same nature. During his time on campus, he has had face-to-face contacts with several students, staff and faculty.

UPDATE:

On February 3, 2025, Fayetteville State University Dispatch received a call from a parent advising that a suspicious subject was observed on campus. Based on the description provided, dispatchers were able to locate the subject in the Rudolph Jones Student Center. Douglas Edward Epps was apprehended in the Student Center and arrested by Fayetteville State University by Police and Public Safety without incident.

It was later determined that the parent received a copy of the photo sent out by FSU News Campus Community Advisory from her student. We would like to thank all of those involved in making this arrest. Your swift actions are a testament to the dedication and commitment we should all pursue in ensuring the safety of our campus community.

If you have any information that might be helpful in this investigation, or observe Douglas Epps on campus at any time, contact the following:

- FSU Police and Public Safety at (910) 672-1775 (**non-emergency**) or (910) 672-1911 (**emergency**), or by using the FSU RAVE app;
- Fayetteville Police Department at (910) 433-1529; or **911**

FSU Police and Public Safety would like to remind the University Community (students, faculty, staff and visitors) to:

- Be aware of your surroundings and look assertive.
- Walk with friends or coworkers when possible.
- Trust your intuition, if a particular situation makes you feel uncomfortable, choose an alternative.
- If you feel threatened on campus, look for a call box for emergency assistance.
- Program the phone number for the FSU Police and Public Safety into your cell phone or use the FSU RAVE app.

See the below image of Dougals Edward Epps and notified FSU Police and Public Safety if you see this person on campus.

