**Incident Type**  
Police Officer Impersonation

**Location***  
Governors Residence Hall

**Description:**  
ETSU Public Safety received an initial report on March 1, 2016 of an officer impersonation incident occurring at Governors Residence Hall between noon and 1:00 p.m. on February 18, 2016. Additional information was obtained on March 2, 2016. The impersonator was described as a tall, white male with a large/muscular build in his late 20s with a goatee and mustache and dark hair and brown eyes. He was wearing a black jacket with some type of badge visible underneath. He flashed a piece of paper and stated he had a search warrant before entering the room. The person looked around briefly and left without incident.

*Exact location may be withheld to protect complainant’s identity.

**SAFETY TIPS and RESOURCES:**

* Campus protocol is for any law enforcement officer of the city/county be escorted by Public Safety when executing search warrants or conducting any other business with campus residents.
* Public Safety is generally escorted by a Residence Life staff member when in campus residence halls.
* Do not open the door to strangers.
* Ask for identification and feel free to contact Public Safety to confirm the person you are dealing with is an officer.
* Be an active bystander. See **Buccaneer Bystander Intervention**. When you observe conflict or concerning behavior, take steps to make a difference: assess the situation, evaluate options, and select a strategy for response. That could be reporting suspicious persons/behavior to Public Safety or local police.

**ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THIS INCIDENT SHOULD CONTACT**  
ETSU Public Safety  *  423-439-4480  *  [http://www.etsu.edu/dps/](http://www.etsu.edu/dps/)

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

* **What is a safety notice?** The purpose of an ETSU safety notice is to increase awareness of criminal activity, to provide safety tips that might prevent similar crimes, and to assist you in making informed decisions about personal safety.

* **What is the Clery Act?** The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Acts require ETSU and all universities to notify the campus community of certain criminal activity that occurs on ETSU owned or controlled properties. For more information on the Clery Act visit [http://clerycenter.org/summary-jeanne-clery-act](http://clerycenter.org/summary-jeanne-clery-act)


* **What is a Campus Security Authority (CSA)?** The term CSA is used in the Clery Act to describe someone who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities including but not limited to the campus police department, campus security, housing, conduct, club advisors, etc.

* **Are there other resources about campus emergencies or personal safety?** The ETSU Safety website contains additional resources and can be accessed at: [www.etsu.edu/safety/](http://www.etsu.edu/safety/)

* **What if I am concerned about a student’s behavior or a student who has been impacted by an incident?** You should submit an Incident or CARE report online at: [http://www.etsu.edu/students/conduct/](http://www.etsu.edu/students/conduct/) The Dean of Students Office will follow up with the student about the situation.