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### **POLICE INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE STABBING**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – January 27, 2009** – A Wake Forest teenager has been treated and released from Wake Med after being stabbed yesterday afternoon in a wooded trail near Heritage Wake Forest.

At approximately 1:23 pm on Monday, the 15-year-old male reported that he was stabbed in the mid-section during a confrontation with an unidentified assailant who demanded money. Although police responded immediately, no suspects were found.

According to the victim, the assailant is a black male in his mid-40s. He was last seen wearing dirty blue jeans and a navy blue “hoodie” sweatshirt with a full beard and mustache.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact the Wake Forest Police Department at (919) 554-6162. Callers may remain anonymous.

Police are releasing no additional information about the incident at this time.

Wake Forest police say Monday’s incident should serve as a reminder for walkers and joggers to adhere to the following safety guidelines:

1. Avoid walking alone and at night.
2. If walking alone, stay in well-lit, populated areas or on neighborhood sidewalks.
3. Don’t take short cuts through vacant lots, parks or fields.
4. Always be aware of your total surroundings and the people around you.

For more safety information, visit the Town’s website at [www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/policedepartment.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/policedepartment.aspx).

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