

## **UNT Police Crime Alert**

The UNT Police Department is warning the campus community about potential scams where suspects ask students for cash to buy iPhones or take out cash loans such as payday loans.

A male student reported to the UNT Police that on Thursday, Oct. 12, about 5 p.m. near the Union bus stop he was approached by an unknown black male in his mid-20s about 6-foot with a thin build and driving a dark colored, 2-door Ford Mustang. The unknown male offered to give him a ride and asked if he wanted to earn some extra money. The student got in the back of the vehicle and was asked to fill out an application to purchase some iPhones. The student also reported to Police that there was another unknown person in the passenger seat of the vehicle and described that individual as black male with a medium-to-heavy build in his mid-20s with an oval birthmark on his left upper cheek area.

The unknown males then drove the student to his bank in Denton, where the driver asked for his bank card and pin number. The student provided his card and pin to the driver who withdrew cash. After leaving the bank, the driver went to an AT&T store and obtained two iPhone 8s, using the application and paid cash for the phones.

The driver then drove to a payday loan business, where they told the student to go inside and open a loan. The student went into the business by himself and filled out paperwork for the loan and received the cash and gave it to the driver. The driver then drove him back to the area near the Union and dropped him off at about 7 p.m.

The student reported the unknown males never threatened him and did give him \$50.

### **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:**

- Avoid riding in vehicles with strangers.
- Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

- Illegitimate schemers will avoid meeting at police departments to complete transactions.
- High-pressure sales tactics can be a clue to scam.

If you have any information regarding this offense, please contact the UNT Criminal Investigations Division at 940-565-3006. To remain anonymous, call UNT Crime Stoppers at 940-369-TIPS (8477).