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### MEDIA RELEASE

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On September 5, 2016 at approximately 3:35 AM the State College Police responded to the area of the 400 block of East Beaver Avenue near the intersection of Hetzel Street for an armed robbery that just occurred.

Officers arrived on scene and met with two male Penn State University students that reported they were just robbed at gun point. The two victims stated they were walking eastbound on East Beaver Avenue and just crossed over South Garner Street when they were approached by a black male that was initially walking toward them westbound. The suspect male changed directions and started walking with the two victims and attempted to engage in conversation. As the victims continued eastbound on the sidewalk on East Beaver Avenue they became alarmed at the suspect's behavior and crossed East Beaver Avenue near Park Hill Apartments at 478 East Beaver Avenue.

Once the two victims crossed to the north side of Beaver Avenue the suspect followed them and stopped the two victims demanding they empty their pockets while pulling out a semi-automatic hand gun and displaying the gun toward the victims. The victims provided the suspect with their property from their pockets and the suspect ordered the victims turn around and walk away. The victim stated as they started to walk away they heard a gunshot and ran off.

The suspect male is described as an older college aged black male, 6'0" tall approximately 190 pounds, with an extended goatee, short black hair wearing a medium gray crew neck sweatshirt with an unknown emblem on the front and unknown color shorts.

We are urging anyone who may have information regarding this incident to contact the State College Police Department at (814) 234-7150, by [email](#) or submit an [anonymous tip](#) through our website.

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