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For Immediate Release:

ASSAULT REPORTED ON EIU CAMPUS

At approximately 1:50 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, an assault occurred on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. The incident occurred at the southwest corner of the University Union, where a group of approximately six to eight white males, all estimated to be in their late teens to early twenties, attacked a 46-year-old white male. The assault was apparently unprovoked and no motive for the incident has been determined at this time. The victim was treated at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and has since been released.

The University Police Department is requesting that anyone with any information that may be relevant to this case contact the department at 581-3213. A reward of \$2,500 is currently being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons responsible for this crime. An attempt will be made to provide anonymity to anyone providing such information.

"Eastern Illinois University does not tolerate acts of violence," said Shirley Stewart, acting vice president for student affairs. "This incident appears to be a random act, and we intend to assist our police department in any way possible during its ongoing investigation."

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.