**SMU –in –Taos Off Campus Crime Alert**

**SMU in Taos Employee Suspect in Fatal Stabbing**

**The Taos County Sheriff’s Department is investigating the fatal stabbing of a 22 year old man that occurred late Friday night, June 19, 2015 in the town of Penasco. SMU employee Manuel Videl Leyba, is being sought for questioning, as a possible suspect, in connection with this incident.**

**The Sheriff asks anyone with information regarding Leyba’s whereabouts to contact Taos Central Dispatch by calling (575)758-2216 or to submit a tip anonymously through Taos County Crime Stoppers by calling (575)758-HALT.**

**Authorities offer the following safety tips:**

****• Always be aware of your surroundings, especially in parking lots and isolated areas.

Have your keys ready as you approach your car and lock your doors after entering.

• If you witness a crime, or see something suspicious, call police immediately at 911.

Time is of the essence in such situations.

• If you go out with friends, leave with your friends. Friends keep an eye out for each

other at all times. Don't let a friend leave alone.

• Have a secret "help" signal with friends if you don't feel comfortable with someone at

a club or bar.

• Don’t prop open self-locking doors.

• Lockable doors in your casita room should be locked.

• Stay on paved roads and highways when driving outside of the SMU-in-Taos campus.

• Watch your keys. Don’t lend them. Don’t leave them. Don’t lose them. And don’t put your name and address on the key ring.