



The family housing units at Southern Oregon have a reputation of being quite, affordable and close to campus. A resident who has lived the last two years in the family complex with their children stated that they have always felt fairly safe. It is located less than half a mile from campus public safety office and has police patrol as frequently as any other street in town. Recent incidents in the past months though, have disrupted the serenity of the complex littered with bikes and toys across its lawns.

“Aside from those situations, everything here is fairly quiet and calm,” the resident said, “The fact that the shooting and stabbing occurred so close together is either very random or maybe a hint of how things are turning.”

Two police were dispatched on Monday night to the family housing area, after a suspect allegedly reported himself for stabbing another man in his home. 34 year old Benjamin Williamson reportedly came back to his apartment around 9:30 and found the other male who his wife had invited over earlier that evening. Williamson is being lodged at Jackson County Jail and is facing charges of attempted murder with a bail set at \$500,000. The victim, whose name has yet to be released, was transported to Rogue Regional Medical Center to be treated for multiple stab wounds and is in stable condition.

Though this act of violence is rare, it is [not the first problem](#) that has occurred in the neighborhood. On the night of August 3rd, 2014 gunshots were reported on Quincy street

after a car was allegedly seen driving down the road, firing into the air. Since the event wasn't technically on school grounds, it was not recorded as a campus incident.



Not only are these incidences unusual for the family housing neighborhood, but also for the campus of Southern Oregon as a whole. Head of media relations, Ryan Brown stated that, "Query reports since 2009 show zero reported cases of attempted homicide or felony assault in the last five years."

Head of Public Safety Randy Schoen attributes these low figures to the small campus size and efficiency of his staff. "Officers are on duty 24/7 patrolling the campus but students still need to use common sense," Schoen said, "Traveling in groups at night, keeping cell phones on and avoiding dark areas can help keep crime way down."