An attempted armed robbery on campus on Monday evening was reported to the Cypress College Campus Safety Department. A female student said she was on her way to class at approximately 5:30 p.m. when she was approached while in the Gateway Plaza area in front of the Student Center and Cypress College Complex.

She said that a male attempted to force her to go to the ATM to withdraw money while preventing her from escaping the situation by bumping her and threatening her, including holding his hand inside the pocket of his sweatshirt in a manner indicating that he was holding a gun.

After informing the suspect that she didn’t have an ATM card with her, the victim eventually pushed him away when his threats persisted. The suspect ran off towards Parking Lot 1 and was able to escape without being apprehended.

The victim described the suspect as 5-foot-8 or 5-foot-9, wearing jeans and a black sweatshirt with a hood.

Nobody was injured in the incident.

The Cypress Police Department was contacted for further investigation. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact the Cypress Police Department at (714) 229-6600.

Students are reminded that suspicious activity should be reported to Campus Safety and/or Cypress Police immediately. Additionally, students are reminded to walk in groups, utilize escorts provided by Campus Safety, and to yell for help if necessary.