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A University of Georgia student was raped and threatened with death near the Chemistry Building late Friday

The victim, a 19-year-old female, of Mary Lyndon Hall, said she was walking back to her dorm alone after going to a movie.

She described the attacker as 6 feet, 4 inches tall. She said he weighed around 210 pounds and had an athletic appearance to him. The man was described as having blond hair and blue eyes. He also had a scar on the left side of his neck.

The man covered his face with a stocking mask and had a knife. He threatened the victim, saying he would kill her if she screamed.

Campus police said the description of the man was similar to that given by two other victims of rape on campus. Both of these attacks  occurred in the past six months.

There have been a total of four rapes near the Chemistry Building this year.

Police said in two of the four rapes the man described did not wear a stocking mask. In all four rapes the man had a knife.

This has been the 16threported rape in Athens this year, compared to two reported last year.

Campus Police Chief Jimmy Williamson said he is forming a rape task force.

This force will be composed of police, rape crisis center officials and others.

The director of public safety at the university, Asa T. Boynton, said the school will install emergency telephone lines outside around the campus. They will also review street lighting around the Chemistry Building.