In what could be just a humorous college prank, students have become target practice for paintball gunmen around campus, but police say they are not taking incidents lightly.

Two students in separate incidents reported to University of Arizona Police Departments they had been hit by paintballs while walking on campus. The Tucson Police Department also received two reports last week from residents who claim two men were firing paintballs at pedestrians while driving.

One student reported a man shot paintballs at her Friday at 9:56 p.m. while she was walking on East Second Street and North Martin Avenue, reports stated.

The student told police she felt something hit her lower back and the back of her leg, reports stated.

When police arrived on the scene, they saw three large paintball marks on the student, reports stated.

The student told police two witnesses said they saw someone leave the scene in a red Jeep but police were unable to locate the witnesses for further questioning, reports stated.

During the time police were speaking with the student, TFP called in stating two men were firing paintballs at people from their car, UAPD reports stated.

Michelle Pickrom, TFP spokeswoman, said the first call came around 9:20 p.m. from North Country Club Drive and East Broadway Boulevard.

The caller said the person shooting the paintball gun was in a silver car, Pickrom said.

The second call came around 9:52 p.m. and the caller said someone was firing paintballs at pedestrians.

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Paintball assaulsts increase