

## Knockout Perfume Scam

A number of people on campus have reported receiving an email regarding males asking females to sniff a bottle of perfume. The email claims that the perfume is really ether and anyone who sniffs it will pass out.

This is an urban legend which began in late 1999 from an incident reported to the Mobile Police Department. Emails regarding this incident and several variations have been widely circulated. The details in the emails has changed over time. The emails showing up today contain the basics of the original but instead of cologne the knock out product is now perfume. Instead of an unknown, undetectable substance, the agent is identified as being ether. Most interesting of all, the moral of the story is no longer simply “beware of parking lot scammers.” It has become “if not for these email warnings, I might have been a victim too.”

For more information on this urban legend please go to the following web sites;

<http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/weekly/aa052400a.htm>

[www.snopes.com/horrors/robbery/perfume.htm](http://www.snopes.com/horrors/robbery/perfume.htm)

For general information on urban legends please go to;

[www.urbanlegends.about.com](http://www.urbanlegends.about.com)

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