

CAMPUS ALERT

Timely Warning Notice



NOTICE: 110-697

DISTRIBUTION: Van Ness Campus

MEMORANDUM: University Community

FROM: Associate Vice President for Public Safety & Emergency Management

SUBJECT: Campus Alert

DATE: October 16, 2008

NOTIFICATION OF MISDEMEANOR SEXUAL ABUSE/SIMPLE ASSAULT & INDECENT EXPOSURE

The University of the District of Columbia (UDC), Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management (OPSEM), provides the following information for immediate notification and distribution to all members of the University community. We encourage you to post this information in a conspicuous area where others may view it.

Within the last twenty-four (24) hours University Police has initiated three (3) investigations involving sexual misconduct. In the first incident the victim reported on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 that they had been sexual prodded by a known suspect the week prior while in the 4.0 Lounge.

The other two (2) incident(s) occurred on Thursday, October 16, 2008:

A member of the UDC community reported that at approximately 12:45 PM they enter an elevator on the B-Level of Building #41 which was occupied by a **black/male, tall, medium brown, wearing a short sleeve black tee shirt and blue jeans**. While descending in the elevator the suspect exposed his penis and masturbated; no physical contact was made with the victim. The suspect was last seen fleeing the elevator into the VanNess Garage from the B-1 Level.

The third offense occurred at approximately 2:36 PM when a member of the UDC community was inappropriately touched by another UDC community member while ascending in an elevator from the B-Level to the A-Level of Building #42. This suspect was arrested after being positively identified. **It should be noted that the closure of this case can be contributed in part to the victim immediately contacting University Police by activating an emergency call box.**

UDC Police, working in partnership with units of The DC Metropolitan Police Department, conducted interviews with the victims of these offenses, and is diligently pursuing the identity of the suspect in the second offense. If anyone observed any of the above offenses, or has any information associated with these crimes, please contact the **Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management on 202.274.5050, or the Metropolitan Police department, Second District Detectives on 202.730.1903.**

University Police have aggressively increased patrol of the campus. Your safety is vitally important and we rely on community members to take an active role in crime prevention. **Report any unusual or suspicious activity by calling University Police at 274.5050 or utilizing Emergency Call Box Stations located throughout the campus.**

Please take a moment to read the **Personal Safety Tips** that we have outlined below:

- Travel with others whenever possible or call University Police for a walking escort. **Don't take unnecessary risks.**
- Avoid dark desolated areas.
- Trust your intuitions; feeling uncomfortable – get out of the situation.
- Remain conscious and alert of your surroundings; including other persons.
- Wearing headphones while walking or jogging is not recommended; it decreases your alertness.
- Talking on cell phones while driving/walking is a distraction which could jeopardize your safety.
- Familiarize yourself with the locations of Emergency Call Box Stations located throughout the campus and how to use them.
- Avoid alcohol/drugs; be aware of the effects these substances have on your behavior and others.
- Be assertive; know your limits, make decisions.
- Watch nonverbal cues (body language).
- Previous consent does not imply current consent: **NO MEANS NO!**
- Lock doors – including car doors; have keys ready in your hand as you approach your destination.
- Sign-up for UDC Alert (UDC's mass emergency notification system)


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