

OFF-CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

March 27, 2009

STUDENT ASSAULTED NEAR CAMPUS

A female student reported that she was assaulted about 6 a.m. today near SMU Boulevard and Boedecker Street as she rode her moped to campus.

The student said she had stopped at the intersection, located in University Park, after thinking something was wrong with one of her tires. As she was checking her tire, a man attacked her. He pushed her to the ground and began to choke her, but she fought back. He ran away and she rode to campus, where she reported the attack.

She described her attacker as a white or Hispanic male, about 6 feet tall, medium build and wearing a dark or blue hooded sweatshirt.

Anyone with information about this matter is asked to contact the SMU Police Department at 214-768-3388. Information also may be reported anonymously through the Silent Witness Program by calling 214-SMU-2TIP or online at <http://www.smu.edu/2tip>

Protecting Yourself

- Be mindful of your safety at all times.
- If you are the victim of a crime or see something suspicious, call police immediately at 911. Time is of the essence in such situations.
- Avoid traveling alone in the dark.
- Always be aware of your surroundings, especially in parking lots and garages. Have your keys ready as you approach your car, and always lock your doors after entering.