OFF CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

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On Saturday, February 5, an SMU graduate student reported she was sexually assaulted by another SMU graduate student she knew. The assault occurred in her apartment located in Dallas approximately 8 miles south of campus on Friday, February 4. The alleged assault was reported to the Dallas Police Department.

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 Police Department's Silent Witness Program by calling 214-SMU-2TIP or online at http://www.smu.edu/2tip.

Personal Safety Tips

If you are sexually assaulted:

- Call the police and seek medical attention immediately. Time is critical in such cases. (214-768-3388 or 911).
- Have a Rape Kit Exam performed at Presbyterian Hospital or Parkland Memorial Hospital. SMU Police will take you to the hospital and pay for this exam.
- A representative from SMU Psychological Services for Women will be available to accompany you (214-768-4795).
- Don't bathe or shower. A medical doctor will need to gather forensic evidence from you.
- Save your clothing, bed sheets, pillow covers, etc. Do not wash them. Police will need these items, too.
- Seek counseling from SMU Psychological Services for Women at 214-768-2277.
- Never drink from an open container that has been out of your possession for any length of time.
- If you think you may have been drugged, seek medical attention immediately and contact the police.
- Exercise caution when you are with people you do not know.
- Be responsible with alcohol. If you are intoxicated, you are less alert and become an easy target for an attacker.

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