

OFF-CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

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STUDENT REPORTS SEXUAL ASSAULT BY A TAXI CAB DRIVER

An SMU student reported to police on Oct. 25, 2013, that she was sexually assaulted in the early morning hours by a taxi cab driver who gave her a ride from the Uptown area of McKinney Avenue to her apartment in University Park.

The suspect reportedly drives a taxi cab for "Eagle Cab Company." He was described as having a Middle Eastern accent, is approximately 30-35 years of age, with dark hair and dark features.

This incident is being investigated by the University Park Police and the SMU Police Department. Anyone with information about this matter is asked to contact the University Park Police Department at 214-363-3000 or the SMU Police Department at 214-768-3388. Information also may be reported anonymously through the SMU 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. Call 911 or the SMU Police at 214-768-3333.
- Have a Sexual Assault Exam performed at Presbyterian Hospital. SMU Police are available to take you to the hospital, but you can go without the police.
- A representative from SMU Psychological Services for Women will be available to accompany you (call 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.

Other safety tips:

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- When you are first getting to know someone, be cautious of your surroundings and make sure others know where you are.
- 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.
- For more information on resources available regarding sexual assaults and other safety matters, visit <http://smu.edu/smunews/liveresponsibly/>

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