

YOUTH PROGRAM PARTICIPANT REPORTS SEXUAL ASSAULT

A participant in Creative Solutions, a summer program for Dallas-area youth held on campus, reported she was sexually assaulted by another member of the program at approximately 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, 2014, in a men's restroom near the lobby of the Bob Hope Theatre in Owen Arts Center, located at 6101 Bishop Blvd.

The juvenile suspect has been removed from campus while the case is being investigated by SMU Police. Anyone with information about this matter is asked to contact the SMU Police Department at 214-768-3333. 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 Counseling and Psychiatric Services 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 Counseling and Psychiatric Services at 214-768-2277.

Other safety tips:

- 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.

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