

Off-Campus Crime Alert: Student Reports Sexual Assault Near Central Expressway

An SMU student reported to University Park Police on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, that she was sexually assaulted at knifepoint at 11:15 p.m. Sunday by an unknown suspect while she was jogging in the 6700 block of Willard Drive, about a half mile east of the main campus near Central Expressway.

The suspect was described as a black male in his early 20s, about 6 feet tall, wearing a white California Angels shirt, blue shorts and white high-top shoes.

University Park Police are investigating the report. Anyone with information about this matter is asked to contact University Park Police at 214-363-3000.

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>.

IF YOU ARE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED

Know that SMU resources are here to support you:

- **Alert [police](#) as soon as it is safe to do so.** Call 911 or 214-768-3333.
- **Seek medical attention immediately**, even if you decide not to contact police. A certified [Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner](#) (SANE) at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas can provide care and an exam that preserves evidence; 214-345-6203. [SMU Police](#) can take you to the hospital. An [SMU Counseling and Psychiatric Services](#) representative also can accompany you; 214-768-4795.
- **Preserve evidence before the exam.** Do not bathe, shower or use toothpaste or mouthwash; do not wash clothing, bed sheets, pillows or other potential evidence.
- **Seek support.** For confidential counseling, call [SMU Office of Psychological Services for Women and Gender Issues](#), 214-768-4795 (available 24/7); [SMU Chaplain's Office](#), 214-768-4502; or the [Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center](#), 972-641-7273 (available 24/7).
- **Other campus resources here to support you** include [SMU Police](#) for criminal reporting; the [SMU Title IX Coordinator](#), who can assist you in pursuing an internal grievance process by filing a complaint under SMU's Title IX (Sexual Misconduct) policy, 214-768-3601; [Office of the Dean of Student Life](#), 214-768-4564; and [The Women & LGBT Center](#), 214-768-4792.

SMU community members are asked to be aware of their surroundings:

- If you see something, say something. Report suspicious people or activities. Call SMU Police or [report anonymously online](#) or at 214-SMU-2TIP.
- Giddy-Up offers free rides on campus from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. daily, 214-768-1111. SMU Rides provides service, with fees charged to the rider's SMU ID, 214-768-7433.

Learn more at smu.edu/LiveResponsibly.