

ON-CAMPUS CRIME ALERT: STUDENT REPORTS SEXUAL ASSAULT

On Wednesday, September 17, 2014, a student reported that she was sexually assaulted by a student acquaintance at approximately 1 a.m. in his room in the Crum Residential Commons, 5805 Bush Avenue.

This case is being investigated by the SMU Police Department. Anyone with information about this matter is asked to contact SMU Police 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>.

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, or pick up a blue-light emergency phone on campus.
- **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 the [SMU Office of Psychological Services for Women and Gender Issues](#), 214-768-4795 (available 24/7), or the [SMU Chaplain's Office](#), 214-768-4502. A community resource, the [Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center](#), also offers confidential counseling, 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; the [Office of the Dean of Student Life](#), 214-768-4564; and [The Women & LGBT Center](#), 214-768-4792.

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TIPS TO REDUCE RISK TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS

- **If you see something, say something.** Report suspicious people or activities. Call SMU Police or [report anonymously online](#) or at 214-SMU-2TIP.
- **Call 911 and seek medical help immediately if you think your drink may have been drugged**, or if you or a friend is in danger due to alcohol or substance use.
- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Giddy-Up offers free rides on campus from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. daily, 214-768-1111. SMU Police also are available to provide secure rides on campus, 214-768-3388. SMU Rides provides service off and on campus, with fees charged to the rider's SMU ID, 214-768-7433.

LIVE RESPONSIBLY

- **Don't harm or take advantage of others.** [SMU's Title IX \(Sexual Misconduct\) policy](#) and the federal law [Title IX](#) prohibit sexual violence, including sexual assault. Sexual assault also is a crime punishable by imprisonment. Sexual assault will not be tolerated at SMU.
- **Respect others' limits.** Both parties should communicate their expectations on physical contact to ensure consent at each step. Consent means voluntary, clear, continuous, mutually understandable permission, given by words or actions, regarding one's willingness to engage in sexual activity. "No" means "No," and when uncertain, "No" is always the default answer. Being intoxicated is no excuse for failure to obtain consent.
- **A person cannot give consent if he or she is incapacitated** due to alcohol or drug use, or is asleep or unconscious. An individual also may be unable to give consent due to an intellectual or other disability. Past consent does not imply future consent. Silence or an absence of resistance does not imply consent. Consent to engage in sexual activity with one person does not imply consent to engage in sexual activity with another person. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. The use of coercion, force or the threat of either invalidates consent.

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