

## WOMAN REPORTS SEXUAL ASSAULT BY ACQUAINTANCE

On Saturday, September 26, 2015, a visitor to campus reported to SMU Police that she was sexually assaulted by a male acquaintance who is not affiliated with SMU at approximately 7 p.m. at the Hughes-Trigg Student Center Theatre, 3140 Dyer Street.

The suspect was described as a 27-year-old white male, about 6 feet tall and weighing 235 pounds, with tanned skin and short brown hair.

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 [www.smu.edu/2tip](http://www.smu.edu/2tip).

## IF YOU ARE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED

Know that SMU resources are here to support you:

- **Alert [police](#) as soon as possible.** 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 Services](#) representative also can accompany you; 214-768-2277.
- **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 Counseling Services](#), 214-768-2277 (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 policy, 214-768-3601; the [Office of the Dean of Student Life](#), 214-768-4564; and [The Women & LGBT Center](#), 214-768-4792.

Learn more at [smu.edu/GetHelp](http://smu.edu/GetHelp) and [smu.edu/LiveResponsibly](http://smu.edu/LiveResponsibly).

## TIPS FOR THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

- **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.

- **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 Harassment Policy](#) and the federal law Title IX prohibit sexual assault and other forms of sexual violence. 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.

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