CAMPUS CRIME ALERT: STUDENT REPORTS SEXUAL ASSAULT

September 5, 2016

A student reported to the SMU Police Department that she was sexually assaulted at a residence hall at 6210 Hillcrest Ave. by two male acquaintances between 11:30 p.m. and 12 a.m. on Sunday, September 4, 2016.

Both suspects, one of whom is an SMU student, have been identified and have been contacted by SMU Police.

The case is being investigated by the SMU Police Department. 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 Police Department's Silent Witness Program by calling 214-SMU-2TIP or online at 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 <u>SMU Counseling Services</u>, 214-768-2277 (available 24/7), or the <u>SMU Chaplain's Office</u>, 214-768-4502. A community resource, the <u>Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center</u>, also offers confidential counseling, 972-641-7273 (available 24/7).

Other campus resources here to support you include <u>SMU Police</u> for criminal reporting; the <u>SMU Title IX Coordinator</u>, who can assist you in pursuing an internal grievance process by filing a complaint under SMU's Title IX policy, 214-768-3601; the <u>Office of the Dean of Student Life</u>, 214-768-4564; Violence Prevention & Support Services, 214-768-4512; and <u>The Women & LGBT Center</u>, 214-768-4792.

Learn more at smu.edu/GetHelp.

TIPS FOR THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

If you see something, say something. Report suspicious people or activities. Call SMU Police or <u>report anonymously online</u> 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.

LIVE RESPONSIBLY

Don't harm or take advantage of others. <u>SMU's Title IX Harassment Policy</u> 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. Communicate your expectations on physical contact, and obtain consent before engaging in any form of sexual activity. Recognize that a person has the right to change his or her mind, and don't use force, coercion or threats. <u>Consent</u> means voluntary, clear, continuous, mutually understandable permission, given by words or actions, regarding one's willingness to engage in sexual activity.

Learn more at smu.edu/LiveResponsibly.