

# CRIME ALERT

September 23, 2010

## **STUDENT REPORTS SEXUAL ASSAULT BY ACQUAINTANCE**

An SMU student told police September 22 that she was sexually assaulted by an acquaintance about 3 a.m. September 19 in his residence hall room. She said she met the student at the previous evening's football game and had gone to a party with him before returning to campus and going to his room.

The alleged assault is under investigation by the SMU Police Department.

Anyone with information about this matter is asked to contact the SMU Police Department at 214-768-3388. Information also may be reported anonymously through the 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. (214-768-3388 or 911).
- Have a Rape Kit Exam performed at Parkland Memorial Hospital.
  - SMU Police will take you to the hospital and pay for this exam.
  - A representative from SMU Psychological Services for Women will be available to accompany you (214-768-4795).
  - Don't bath 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 Psychological Services for Women.
- 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.
- Be responsible with alcohol. If you are intoxicated, you are less alert and become an easier target for attackers and thieves.