

Off-Campus Crime Alert

February 3, 2013

Student Reports Attempted Sexual Assault

A female student reported to University Park police an attempted sexual assault at a residence off campus in the 3400 block of Daniel Avenue about 2 a.m. Saturday, February 2, 2013.

She said she was at a bar in Uptown Dallas and met an unknown man, with whom she shared a cab back to her home. He followed her to her doorway and forced her into the apartment where he attempted to sexually assault her. The woman fought back resulting in the suspect leaving the apartment.

University Park Police are conducting an investigation.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 23 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, and weighing 175 pounds.

Anyone with information about this matter is asked to contact the SMU Police Department at 214-768-3388 or University Park Police at 214-987-5370. 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. Call 911 or the SMU Police at 214-768-3333.
- Have a Sexual Assault Exam performed at Presbyterian Hospital. SMU Police are available to take you to the hospital, but you can go without the police.
- A representative from SMU Counseling and Psychological Services will be available to accompany you (call 214-768-4795).
- Don't bathe 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 Counseling and Psychological at 214-768-2277.

Other safety tips:

- When you are first getting to know someone, be cautious of your surroundings and make sure others know where you are.
- 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 easy target for an attacker.

For more information on resources available regarding sexual assaults and other safety matters, visit <http://smu.edu/smunews/liveresponsibly/>

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