



CRIME ALERT

SEXUAL ASSAULT INCIDENT

The New Orleans and Southern University at New Orleans Police Departments are investigating a report of Sexual Assault by a student. A resident was sexually assaulted in their residence in SUNO Housing.

The suspect is a male student and is known to the survivor.

This information is being released in accordance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. The Clery Act requires all colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to keep and disclose information about crime on and near their respective campuses, including timely warnings of crimes that may represent a serious or ongoing threat to the safety of students or employees.

SAFETY TIP: The Southern University at New Orleans Police Department reminds all community members of the following information about sexual assault. Note that this information is general in nature and does not necessarily relate to any specific incident.

- We should always **"Start by believing."**
- Survivors are never responsible for the offenders' behavior.
- The most common type of sexual assault is not by a stranger but by someone the survivor knows, typically a date or acquaintance.
- Alcohol and drugs are often used to create vulnerability to sexual assault. Studies of sexual assault incidents show a high correlation between acquaintance rape and drug/alcohol usage. Be alert to people pressuring you or others to use alcohol or other drugs.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy or sense something is wrong, do what you can to get out of that situation or call for assistance.
- Use and encourage others to have a companion or a safe means of getting home, i.e., a trusted friend, taxi, or Safe Ride if available.
- Be active in supporting a safe and respectful community. If you see others engaging in disrespectful or inappropriate actions, speak up and get involved, or contact someone else to assist. If you engage in sexual activity, be sure you understand your partner's limits and clearly communicate your limits. Don't engage in sexual activities without affirmative consent from your partner.
- If you have imminent concerns for the safety of others, call the police to ask for assistance.

All residents, students, faculty, and staff should remember that safety is everyone's responsibility, and all suspicious activity should be reported to SUNO Police Department at 504-286-3355.

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SUNO Police Department is providing this notice of a criminal incident (s) that occurred in our community in order to provide information that may help in avoiding a similar crime or provide information to solve this crime. Contact your SUNO Police Department if you have any information regarding this incident or any other incident. Call 911 (emergency) or 286-5290 (non-emergency).