Off Campus
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**Incident:**
On Sunday, November 3, at approximately 1:00 a.m., a forcible fondling incident occurred near main campus around the 3700 block of Massachusetts Avenue. The victim in this case is an AU student.

The following was reported to the Department of Public Safety:
While walking along Massachusetts Avenue, three (3) suspects approached the victim and starting speaking to her. The suspects proceeded to violate her personal space. One of the suspects rubbed his hand against the victim’s waist. A bystander approached the scene and walked the victim to her home. The suspects did not pursue the victim. There were no injuries reported to the Department of Public Safety. MPD has been contacted and is currently investigating the incident.

**Suspect Descriptions:**
Two (2) of the suspects are described as tall white males with brown hair and slender builds. A third suspect was wearing a Halloween mask.

**Make a Confidential Tip Through the Department of Public Safety Webpage at:**
http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/tips.cfm

If you have information relating to this incident, or witness suspicious activity, please call the Department of Public Safety at **202-885-3636** or **911** for the Metropolitan Police Department.

### Safety Tips
- Walk in groups whenever possible and look out for each other.
- Avoid isolated and dark areas.
- Carry your cell phone and keep it accessible.
- If you are approached, take note of the person’s appearance, clothing and anything unusual that will help identify the suspect.
- Be aware of the emergency telephones (yellow boxes on pillars, blue light phone towers, and red telephones) located on campus, in building lobbies, elevators, and in parking lots.
- Do not let anyone follow you into the building, or admit anyone as a guest unless they are your guest.

### General Tips
- Report any suspicious activity or suspicious individuals to the Department of Public Safety.
- Program AU Public Safety into your cell phone for emergencies: **202-885-3636**.
- The Department of Public Safety provides escorts, twenty-four hours a day/seven days a week, for community members to and from university owned property. To arrange for an escort, call **202-885-2527** or use a blue light or red emergency phone.

If you would like a copy of this alert, please visit: [http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/crimealerts.cfm](http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/crimealerts.cfm)

The American University Department of Public Safety (AUDPS) notifies the campus community when crimes are reported to AUDPS or the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) which the University believes represent a continuing threat to its students or employees, in a manner consistent with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. The University uses its best efforts to provide information that is both accurate and helpful, but community members should recognize that the University is able to relay information only as it is reported to AUDPS from MPD. Community members are encouraged to report external incidents to AUDPS to assist in the effective implementation of this program.