



# CRIME ALERT

## Near Campus

**Release Date: 10/28/2009**

### **Incident:**

On Tuesday, October 27, at approximately 10 p.m., a **sex offense** occurred near campus on the Nebraska Avenue side of Tenley Circle. The victim was an AU student.

### **The following was reported to the Department of Public Safety and the Metropolitan Police Department:**

A male approached the female victim from the rear and grabbed her buttocks area and her arm and said, "I Love You." The victim screamed and the suspect fled on foot southbound on Wisconsin Avenue, NW. There were no injuries. MPD later reported to AUDPS that they apprehended a suspect for assaulting another female in the same manner on Wisconsin Avenue during the same timeframe as the above incident.

### **Description of Suspect:**

The suspect is described as a black male with short braids and scruffy facial hair. Suspect appeared to be approximately 5' 07" tall. He wore a grey hooded sweatshirt, black coat and dark pants.

**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.

### **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**.
- Use the Public Safety Escort Service while walking on campus at night. To arrange for an escort, call **202-885-2527** or use a blue light or red emergency phone.
- Register for AU Text Alerts at [www.getrave.com](http://www.getrave.com); search for American University.

**If you would like a copy of this alert, please visit [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.*

**Emergency: 202-885-3636**  
**[www.american.edu/finance/dps](http://www.american.edu/finance/dps)**