



CRIME ALERT

On Campus – 4400 Massachusetts Avenue
Release Date: 03/02/2016

Incident: On Saturday February 27, 2016, two **forcible sex offenses** were reported to have occurred on main campus. Both victims are AU students.

The following was reported to DPS by AU Staff Members:

Incident One: A student reported being sexually assaulted on campus by a person known to the victim sometime during the evening.

Incident Two: A student reported being sexually assaulted in a residence hall by a person known to the victim sometime on February 27.

Suspect Description: The suspects in both incidents are known to the victims and no description has been provided to DPS.

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.*

Resources

- The sexual assault prevention coordinator (SAPC) serves to develop and implement prevention and education programs for the AU community about sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. The SAPC is also available to provide resources and referrals for survivors of sexual assault and can assist survivors in contacting counselors or a victim advocate when requested. The SAPC can be reached at 202-885-3055 and is a confidential resource.
- For information about resources available to victims/survivors of sexual assault, please visit the Wellness Center website at: <http://www.american.edu/ocl/wellness/sexual-assault-resources.cfm>

Reduce the Risk of Sexual Assault

- Nine out of 10 sexual assaults are committed by an acquaintance; be aware and don't be overly trusting. Perpetrators often use alcohol or other drugs as a tool to commit sexual violence. Be aware of individuals who are pushing drinks on you or pressuring you to get very intoxicated.
- Be aware of red flag behavior: intimidating states, degrading jokes or language, boundary violations; strong belief in sex/gender role stereotypes, and a history of violent behavior.
- Inform your friends. Make sure you let a friend or family member know where you are going and who you're with.

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.
- Program AU Public Safety into your cell phone for emergencies: 202-885-3636
- AU 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 emergency phone.

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Emergency: 202-885-3636