



CRIME ALERT

Residence Halls

Release Date: 3/20/2013

Incident:

A **forcible sex offense** that occurred inside Anderson Hall on March 15 was reported to campus authorities on March 19. The victim in this case is an AU student.

Suspect Description:

The victim has identified the suspect as a student member of the AU community. An investigation of the incident is on-going.

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.

Make a Confidential Tip through the Department of Public Safety webpage at:

<http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/tips.cfm>

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.
- AU does not condone sexual or gender-based violence in any form. The University provides resources for prevention, awareness, and response at: www.american.edu/sexualassault

If you would like a copy of this alert, please visit: <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