



# CRIME ALERT

## Near Campus- Wisconsin and Massachusetts Ave, NW DC

Release Date: 05/02/2015

**Incident:** On May 2 at approximately 12:45pm, an **indecent exposure** incident was reported to have occurred near campus. There were no injuries reported at the scene.

**The following was reported to the Department of Public Safety and MPD:** A student was walking towards the Berkshires along Massachusetts Ave from near the Massachusetts and Wisconsin Ave intersection when a subject in a vehicle shouted at her. Upon approaching the vehicle, subject reportedly shouted obscenities at the student and was seen masturbating.

**Suspect Description:** The suspect is described as a Hispanic male with dark skin and an average to large build. He was last seen wearing a navy colored cap and polo shirt with khaki pants. The vehicle was described as a white pick-up truck.

**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>

### Safety Tips

- Always keep your door locked, even if leaving for brief periods of time
- 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 or red emergency phone.

### Risk Reduction Information

- Be aware of the frequency of sexual violence by someone you know; 9 out of 10 sexual assaults are committed by an acquaintance.
- 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 stares, 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.

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**