



CRIME ALERT

Near Main Campus

Release Date: 9/7/2012

Incident:

On Friday, September 7, at approximately 4:30 a.m., a **sex offense** occurred near main campus along 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 Ave between the Berkshire Apartments and Ward Circle, the suspect approached the victim from behind. The suspect grabbed the victim's chest, and as the victim screamed for help, the suspect proceeded to flee east down Massachusetts Avenue towards the Berkshire Apartments.

Suspect Description:

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 6'3" tall, and appeared to be about 20-years-old. He had a muscular build, and a crew cut. The suspect was last seen wearing a fitted dark-colored t-shirt.

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**.
- 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.

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