



Safety Advisory

Off Campus – 4500 Block of Wisconsin Avenue

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Incident: On Tuesday March 29, 2016 an affiliate reported that an unknown male followed her while she walked towards the 4500 Block of Wisconsin Avenue. The complaint reported that the man subsequently lunged for her and grabbed her.

Suspect Description: The subject is described as a six foot tall, heavy-set, African American male of dark complexion. He was last seen wearing possibly gray hooded sweatshirt and a backpack of unknown color. He may have previously been observed in the vicinity of the Metro bus stop located at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Albemarle Street, NW.

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>

Resources

- **The Office for Advocacy Services for Interpersonal and Sexual Violence (OASIS) develops and implements prevention and education programs for the AU community about sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. OASIS also provides victim advocates for survivors of interpersonal and sexual violence and can assist survivors in contacting counselors and other resources, when requested. OASIS is a confidential resource and can be reached at 202-885-7070 or OASIS@american.edu.**
- **For information about resources available to survivors of interpersonal and sexual violence, please visit the Wellness Center website at: <http://www.american.edu/ocl/wellness/about-sexual-assault-resources.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.**
- **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.**

If you would like a copy of this advisory, please visit: <http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/crimealerts.cfm>