



CRIME ALERT

Near Campus- Nebraska and Massachusetts Ave

Release Date: 11/20/2014

Incident:

During the late last evening (Nov. 19) and early this morning (Nov. 20), two (2) stalking incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety. There were no injuries reported on either scene.

The following was reported to the Department of Public Safety:

Students were approached by a subject on a bicycle as they were walking near the AU campus along Nebraska Avenue and near the 4200 block of Massachusetts Avenue. The suspect made sexually explicit and violent comments to the victims.

Suspect Description:

The suspect is described as an African American male, between 6' and 6'4" tall with a lean build. He is between 18-25 years old with a short haircut. He was last seen wearing a red hooded sweatshirt and dark colored pants and riding a bicycle.

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

- 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.
- 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>

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