



CRIME ALERT

Private Commercial Retail Locations – 3200-3400 Blocks of New Mexico Avenue

Release Date: 04/06/2016

Incident: A person, who is not a member of the AU community, reported being drugged on Monday April 4, 2016, which resulted in a **robbery**. The victim did not seek medical attention at the time of the incident.

This incident is currently being investigated by the Department of Public Safety.

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

- Do not accept drinks from other people.
- Open containers yourself.
- Keep your drink with you at all times, even when you go to the bathroom.
- Don't share drinks.
- Don't drink from punch bowls or other common, open containers.
- If someone offers you a drink from a bar or at a party, go with the person to order your drink. Watch the drink being poured and carry it yourself.
- Don't drink anything that tastes or smells strange. Sometimes, drugs such as GHB can taste salty.
- If you realize you left your drink unattended, pour it out.
- If you feel drunk and haven't consumed any alcohol – or, if you feel like the effects of drinking alcohol are stronger than usual – get help right away.
- Program AU Public Safety into your cell phone for emergencies: 202-885-3636

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>.

Reduce the Risk of Sexual Assault

- Nine out of 10 sexual assaults are committed by an acquaintance; be aware and don't be overly trusting. 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 states, degrading jokes or language, boundary violations; strong belief in sex/gender role stereotypes, and a history of violent behavior.

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

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

Emergency: 202-885-3636