SUBJECT: Off-Campus Sexual Battery

CASE REPORT: GPD CR#16-16200

DATE OF INCIDENT: Saturday, September 03, 2016

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NARRATIVE:

The following information was reported from the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) today and is being distributed to the campus community due to the crime’s close proximity to the University of Florida campus:

The GPD are currently investigating a sexual battery incident involving a female UF Student that occurred Saturday, September 03, 2016 at approximately 2:00 a.m. in the 300 block of NW 22nd Street.

The student advised she was walking home from the Mid-town bar area when a white male, driving a black, unknown make/model vehicle pulled up next to her. She said the driver called her by her first name and offered her a ride. She accepted the ride and was then driven to the above area where the sexual battery occurred.

The suspect is described as white male and the vehicle was described as a black car. No further details were given.

Anyone with information about the incident or who may know the man’s identity is asked to call the Gainesville Police Department at 352.955.1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352.372.STOP (7867).
The UFPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.

If you become a victim of crime, please contact law enforcement immediately by calling 9-1-1.

Immediately report any suspicious person or activity to law enforcement.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

Do not allow anyone to follow you in your residence as you enter.

Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, or entryways.

Always try to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

If possible, walk with others to your destination.

If you believe you are being followed, try to find the nearest populated location to get assistance and call 9-1-1.

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Officer Wayne Clark at (352) 273-3304 or Major Brad Barber at (352) 273-3309. If after hours, please call (352) 392-1111 (# UFPD (#8373) and ask to speak to a Patrol Supervisor. I can also be reached via e-mail at: wclark34@ufl.edu or see the UFPD webpage at www.police.ufl.edu

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