Timely Warning

SUBJECT: Sexual Battery
CR# CSA# 19-0005
DATE OF INCIDENT: Wednesday, August 21, 2019
DATE OF RELEASE: Tuesday, August 10, 2019
NARRATIVE:

It was reported to a University of Florida Campus Security Authority (CSA) that a student residing in Jennings Hall was sexually battered on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 approximately midnight.

It was indicated by the CSA that the reporting person does know who the respondent person is and had been in a personal relationship with him prior to the reported sexual battery. Given the reporting person does not however wish to disclose further details of the incident or the respondent’s name to any university official or the University of Florida Police Department (UFPD), this Timely Warning is issued accordingly in the interest of public safety and an abundance of caution.

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.

Please report criminal incident and suspicious activities/individuals immediately to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

Avoid walking alone if at all possible.

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!

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

If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting close to the individual or vehicle.
If a vehicle appears to be following you, turn and walk in the opposite direction. You should go to a location where other people are and get assistance.

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

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact 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. Major Barber can also be reached via e-mail at: wbarber@ufl.edu or see the UFPD webpage at http://www.police.ufl.edu.

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