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SUBJECT: *Sexual Battery*
CASE REPORT: *CR#18-11127*
DATE OF INCIDENT: *Saturday, September 8, 2018*
DATE OF RELEASE: *Tuesday, September 11, 2018*

NARRATIVE:

The University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) is currently investigating a sexual battery that was reported late yesterday afternoon. Due to the nature of the incident, the UFPD is providing this Timely Warning.

The 24-year old victim who is a non-University of Florida affiliate, reported that she had been at various locations throughout the mid-town area across from the University of Florida with friends the evening of Saturday, September 8, 2018. According to the victim, approximately 9:30pm, she left the Mid-town area and began to walk on to the University of Florida campus. She indicated that she only remembers being in an area near or around the Fraternity Row, where the incident occurred.

The suspect is described as white male, 20 to 25 years of age, approximately 5' 7" to 5' 8" in height with dark hair, average build, and a little facial hair. The UFPD will be increasing patrols and are working active leads toward identifying and apprehending the suspect.

Anyone with information about the incident or who may know the man's identity is asked to call the University of Florida Police Department at 352.392-1111 or use the UFPD Silent Witness link at: <https://police.ufl.edu/contact/silent-witness/> . Those who wish to remain anonymous can also 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.

Be active in supporting a safe and respectful community. If you see others engaging in disrespectful or inappropriate actions, speak up and get involved, or contact someone else to assist.

For more victim assistance information, please visit the Office of Victim Services at:
<https://police.ufl.edu/about/divisions/office-of-victim-services/>

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Lieutenant Jeff Moran at (352) 273-3301. 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: jdmoran@ufl.edu or see the UFPD webpage at www.police.ufl.edu.

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