

Tulane University Police Department

Uptown District – Fondling

Content Warning: The following narrative references an incident of unwanted touching.

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Wednesday September 7th, 2022. 7:08 p.m.

LOCATION: *On Campus:* Near the LBC/Commons and Berger Family Lawn.

REPORTED OFFENSE: Fondling

SUSPECT’S DESCRIPTION: Black/Male, 5’10” tall, short dreadlocks or braids, light grey t-shirt with yellow heart design and black denim pants and black backpack.

On September 7th, 2022 the Tulane University Police Department learned of the following report of fondling occurring within the university’s geography as defined by *The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act* or “*Clery Act.*” The victim reported that on September 7th at 7:08 pm they were walking near the commons / LBC by the Berger Family Lawn. As the victim passed the subject who was seated at a table he started to walk with the victim, shortly thereafter he advised the victim that they had an insect on them and slapped the victim on the buttocks. The victim proceeded to an on-campus residence and notified TUPD.

The subject was observed on CCTV leaving campus to unknown.

The subject is unknown to the victim and has not been identified at this time.

Based on the information provided by the victim or witness, the following crimes have been identified as reportable under the definitions provided by the *Clery Act: Fondling.*

The Clery Act requires Tulane University to provide safety tips when issuing Crime Alerts. The following are suggestions relative to the criminal incident described in this alert:

- Trust your instincts. If you feel that you may be in danger, seek out others, local law enforcement, or an open Tulane facility that has Campus Safety Officers posted.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially when walking alone.

- Avoid individuals who don't respect you, ignore personal boundaries, make you feel guilty, or are aggressive.
- Let a trusted friend or contact know when you are meeting a new person and if that person begins making you uncomfortable.
- Try not to walk alone during late-night hours. Walk in groups, whenever you can, there is always safety in numbers.
- Always seek affirmative consent before touching another individual.

If you have experienced sexual misconduct or think you may have experienced it, help is available. It is not your fault, and there are resources on campus and in the community to provide support and help you heal. Help is available at Tulane, whether a survivor wants to report an incident to the police, the university, a confidential resource or just wants to talk to someone.

A Note on Reporting:

Reporting sexual assault is a very sensitive and nuanced matter. Delayed reporting of sexual assault is very common. Tulane University encourages any victim of sexual assault or other crime to report, regardless of the time passed since the date of incident.

We at Tulane recognize that deciding to report sexual misconduct and choosing how to proceed are difficult decisions. We recognize that your feelings about whether to report an incident and how to proceed may change over time. We support all survivors of sexual misconduct during this decision-making process.

Confidential

Except in extreme circumstances, involving imminent danger to oneself or others, nothing shared with these resources will be shared without your explicit permission.

[the Counseling Center](#) | (504) 314-2277

[The Line](#) (24/7) | (504) 264-6074

[SAPHE peer hotline](#) (24/7)| (504) 654-9543

Private

Conversations with these resources are kept as confidential as possible, but information is shared with key staff members so the University can offer resources and accommodations and take action if necessary for safety reasons.

[Case Management & Victim Support Services](#) | (504) 314-2160

or srss@tulane.edu

Title IX Coordinator | (504) 865-5611 or titleix@tulane.edu
Student Affairs Professional On-Call (24/7) | (504) 920-9900

For more information about support options, including an interactive resources guide, visit: <https://allin.tulane.edu/get-help>.

INVESTIGATION ONGOING:

If you have any information about these crimes, call TUPD at 504-865-5381 or NOPD at 504-821-2222.

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**Descriptions provided by victim/witness. Information about the race or ethnicity of alleged offenders is provided only to aid detailed descriptions that include physical stature, clothing or unusual characteristics. Racial descriptions do not, by themselves, offer a meaningful picture of an individual's appearance.*

TAKE A STAND AGAINST CRIME

1. BE AWARE of your surroundings at all times.
2. REPORT suspicious activity immediately.
3. BE A GOOD WITNESS. Describe exactly what you observe with as many details as possible. Give complete descriptions such as sex, race, height, weight, hair color, clothing, etc.

TUPD

Emergency: 504-865-5911

Non-Emergency: 504-865-5381

NOPD

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 504-821-2222

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Late Night Transportation:

504-314-SAFE

Escort: 504-865-5381