

# **Tulane University Police Department**

## **Off Campus, Non-Tulane Affiliate Sexual Battery**

## Date and Time of Occurrence:

Sunday 8/30/20 and Monday 8/31/20 between 10 pm and 11 pm.

## LOCATION:

Off Campus – Audubon Park, near Saint Charles Avenue

## **Reported Incident:**

TUPD received the following information relative to a criminal incident reported to the Loyola University Police Department (LUPD). This crime alert was distributed by the LUPD to the Loyola University (LOYNO) community, which TUPD is now sharing with the Tulane community.

LOYNO Community, LOYNO CRIME ALERT: Off Campus Suspicious Circumstance CRIME / INCIDENT: Suspicious Circumstance / Sexual Battery LOCATION: Off Campus – Audubon Park DATE/TIME: 8/30 and 8/31, 2020; between 10pm and 11pm

**Summary:** LUPD has received two different reports of an unidentified male, suspiciously approaching female Loyola students while they were walking in the vicinity of Audubon park at night. It is unknown if these two incidents are related or involve the same suspect.

The first reported incident occurred Sunday 8-30-20, at approximately 10:30 pm. The three female LOYNO students were walking on Walnut Street adjacent to Audubon Park when they noticed a male suspect following them in a large black truck. The suspect drove next to them and asked them if they smoked weed. The students responded no and continued walking. The students reported that the suspect continued to drive just ahead of them and stop repeatedly as if he was waiting on them. They became alarmed and called LUPD. LUPD dispatched officers to the scene. The first unit on scene met the victims and assisted in getting them back to campus safely, while the others searched the area for the suspect. It is presumed that the suspect fled the area as the first officer arrived.

The second reported incident occurred Monday 8-31-20, around 10:30pm. Five female LOYNO Students reported that while they were in Audubon Park near the foot bridge, an unknown male approached them at a very fast pace. They altered their course and increased their speed in an attempt to evade the suspect, but they were unsuccessful. The suspect caught up with them and touched the victim in a manner that constitutes sexual battery under Louisiana law. The victim deflected the suspect's arm and all of the students ran to the brightly lit pavilion. The suspect did not follow. When they returned to campus, the group reported the incident to LUPD and NOPD.

## SUSPECTS'S VEHICLE: Large black truck

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#### SUSPECT'S DESCRIPTION:

Sex: Male Race: Black Hair: Dark, possibly long dreadlocks Height/Weight: 5' 11", muscular build Clothing: Black hooded type shirt

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.

#### INVESTIGATION ONGOING

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

#### 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.

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 Emergency: 911

 Non-Emergency: 504-865-5381
 Non-Emergency: 504-821-2222

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Tulane University Police Department is providing this notice of a criminal incident(s) that occurred in our community in order to provide information that may help in avoiding a similar crime or provide information to solve this crime. It is part of Tulane University's commitment to provide campusarea crime information in compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

Please do not respond to this email. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Tulane University Police Department at 504-865-5381.

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