

# **Tulane University Police Department**

## **Uptown District: Off-Campus, Sexual Battery**

## Date and Time of Occurrence:

Friday, September 20, 2019, between 2:30 and 3:00 AM

LOCATION: Off Campus – The Boot Bar and Grill

## **Reported Incident:**

On Thursday, September 20, 2019, around 2:30 or 3:00 am, the victim was approached on the dance floor of The Boot by an unknown suspect who claimed to be a student. He spoke Spanish to her and then he touched her without her consent in a manner that constitutes sexual battery. She immediately shoved him away, struck him with her hand in a defensive manner and walked away. A few minutes later, he attempted to lure her away from her friends. She then exited the bar and returned to her residence.

It was later learned that another female who was at The Boot that night became incapacitated after drinking only one drink, therefore, raising suspicion of her being drugged.

These events are similar to previous incidents that have recently taken place at The Boot. Both the Loyola University Police Department and the Tulane University Police Department are cooperating with NOPD in their ongoing investigation of these incidents. Students who go to The Boot, or any drinking establishment, are advised to follow these safety precautions:

- Go as a group or take a friend with you and don't leave his or her side. Watch out for each other and make sure that you both get back to your room.
- Do not accept beverages from someone you do not know or trust. Always watch your drink and never leave it unattended.
- If you see anything suspicious or if anyone is harassing you, notify a bartender and call 911 right away.

Loyola's Amnesty Policy encourages students to call for medical assistance or law enforcement assistance at any time, day or night, regardless of instances of excess alcohol and/or other drug use. Students that seek assistance for themselves or another student will be exempt from formal conduct charges that are punitive if these actions are taken:

1) Call for help - either for yourself or the other student(s). You can reach LUPD at 504-865-3434.

2) Wait for help to arrive.

3) Cooperate fully once help arrives (e.g. give your name, respond to instructions, etc.).

Suspect Description: The victim described the primary male subject as follows:

- Unknown race, light complexion
- Average height and weight for a male
- Young late teens to twenties
- Short, brown curly hair
- Spoke English with a Spanish accent and also spoke Spanish
- Claimed to be a student

• Wore jeans, white T-shirt with a black graphic on it, and possibly Vans shoes.

Description provided by victim. 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.

Descriptions provided by victim/witness.

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### 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.

TUPD	NOPD	HELPFUL NUMBERS
Emergency: 504-865-5911	Emergency: 911	Late Night Transportation:
Non-Emergency: 504-865-5381	Non-Emergency: 504-821-2222	504-314-SAFE
		Escort: 504-865-5381
http://tulopo.odu/polico/uptouvo/	http://www.polo.gov/pond/crime_data/crime_mans/	

#### http://tulane.edu/police/uptown/

http://www.nola.gov/nopd/crime-data/crime-maps/

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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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