



Tulane University Police Department

Uptown District *Sexual Assault*

Date and Time of Occurrence:

January 27, 2022 (Reported to TUPD on February 5, 2022)

LOCATION:

On-Campus Residence Hall

REPORTED OFFENSE:

Sexual Assault - Rape

SUSPECT'S DESCRIPTION:

Male, brown skin, black hair, late teens-early twenties.

Reported Incident:

This morning, February 5, 2022, TUPD learned from a local law enforcement agency that a known Tulane student has been the victim of a rape on January 27, 2022. The victim reported that on the evening of the incident she met the suspect through an online dating application. The suspect attempted to engage in sexual activity with the victim in her on-campus residence. When she refused, the subject forcibly sexually assaulted the victim.

The subject is known to the victim and has been identified at this time. The New Orleans Police Department is the primary investigative agency related to this incident, as is required for crimes of this nature by the Charter of the City of New Orleans.

Although sexual assault is never the victim's fault the following tips may potentially reduce the risk of victimization:

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- Trust your instincts. If you don't feel comfortable in a situation, leave.
 - Do not feel sexually 'obligated' regardless of the situation.
 - 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 leaving and where you plan on going when you leave with someone new.
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Safe Online Dating Tips:

- When using an online dating application, safe dating should always be a top priority.
- When you make plans with someone you met on a dating app, always tell a trusted friend or family member where you're going. You might even consider giving them access to your location via iOS or an app like Find My Friends.
- The first time you meet up with someone, do so in a public place where there are plenty of other people around—restaurants, bars, movie theaters, coffee shops may be good options.
- If you feel uncomfortable at any point during the date or even before it, don't be afraid to bow out. You're in no way obligated to stay with someone if you feel uncomfortable or threatened.

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.

Additional resources to support students are listed below:

Confidential

Except in extreme circumstances, involving imminent danger to one's self 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>.

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.

TUPD

Emergency: 504-865-5911

Non-Emergency: 504-865-5381

<http://tulane.edu/police/uptown/>

NOPD

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 504-821-2222

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

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Late Night Transportation:

504-314-SAFE

Escort: 504-865-5381

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 campus-area 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.

To unsubscribe from this mailing list, send an email to LISTSERV@LISTSERV.TULANE.EDU with nothing in the subject line and this as the message: UNSUBSCRIBE CRIMEALERT-L." (NOTE: UNSUBSCRIBE and CRIMEALERT-L should be typed in caps!)