Tulane University Police Department

**Uptown District  Fondling**

**Date and Time of Occurrence:**
Friday, June 24 2022. 05:20 PM

**LOCATION:**
Public property in the 7100 block of Freret near the Howard Tilton Memorial Library.

**REPORTED OFFENSE:**
Fondling

**SUSPECT’S DESCRIPTION:**
African-American mixed race male, 5’10” tall, multiple pigtailed hair, wearing cycling pants.*

**Reported Incident:**
On June 24th, 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 Actor “Clery Act.” The victim reported that on June 24, 2022 at approximately 5:20 p.m. they were walking near campus when an unknown male approached them pushing a bicycle and asked to be lead to the Tulane campus to meet friends. The victim agreed and the pair proceeded in the direction of the Uptown campus. Along the way the suspect revealed that he was 19 years old and a freshman at another University. As the pair approached the Howard Tilton Memorial Library the suspect blocked the victim and touched them on the buttocks. The victim quickly fled the area.

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.

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*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.
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.

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.
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.

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