

Tulane University Police Department

Uptown District – SEXUAL ASSAULT

Content Warning: The following narrative references an incident of sexual assault.

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Wednesday, August 24th, 2022 at 10:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Sharp Residential Hall, *On-Campus (Residential Facilities)*

REPORTED OFFENSE: Sexual Assault

SUSPECT'S DESCRIPTION: No description provided

On August 25th, the Tulane University Police Department learned of the following report of sexual assault 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 Wednesday, August 24th, at approximately 10:30 p.m. a known male acquaintance followed them into a bathroom located in Sharp Hall. The victim asked him not to follow them and once in bathroom, the known male sexually assaulted them.

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. In addition, the University encourages all members of our community to look out for one another.

- Respect the rights and boundaries of others.
- Make sure that you have clear, affirmative consent before engaging in sexual activity.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel unsafe and are able to do so, get to a safe place and call for help.
- Be alert of your surroundings and the people around you.
- The absence of the word "no" does not constitute consent. Make sure you have consent to sexual contact by asking your partner what they want to do. If your partner seems hesitant or unsure, it is time to stop.

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.

**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