Northern Kentucky University Police Department

TIMELY WARNING

The purpose of a Timely Warning is to inform students and employees of any serious or continuing threat resulting from the occurrence of a Clery reportable criminal offense on university property, on immediately accessible public property, or in a non-campus or satellite location operated or controlled by the university. Timely warnings must be issued in a manner likely to reach the entire campus community.

Pursuant to the Jeanne Clery Act, the Northern Kentucky University Police Department is notifying the campus community of the following occurrence:

**Offense Classification:** Rape, 1st/2nd Degree

**Offense Location:** Woodcrest Apartments

**Date and Time of Offense:** 10/10/2016 between 1:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.

**Suspect[s] Description:** Suspect has only been described to University Police as a male potentially residing in University Suites.

**Suspect Vehicle Description:** None.

**NARRATIVE:**

On 10/13/2016, a community member reported confidentially to the Norse Violence Prevention Center (NVP) that she was sexually assaulted in the early morning of 10/10/2016. The victim reports to NVP that the suspect is a male student who possibly lives in University Suites and further states that she suspects the individual had been following or watching her. Through circumstances unknown to University Police, the suspect was in the victim’s dorm room with a third party. Upon the departure of the third party, the victim reports that she was sexually assaulted.

No further information was provided to University Police as of the issuance of this Timely Warning.

Community members are encouraged to be vigilant in observing for suspicious activity and to report such activity to University Police immediately. Anyone who may have information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact University Police at 859-572-5500.
SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS:
The Northern Kentucky University Police Department would like to take this opportunity to encourage all campus and community stakeholders to immediately report any unusual or suspicious activities at 859-572-5500 or 911, and observe the following precautions:

- Never prop open exterior or interior residential doors; never authorize entry without verifying the identity of the person and determining that the individual does not pose a threat.
- Via Internet search engines, investigate the backgrounds of prospective dating partners.
- During the first few dates, and until your date has earned your trust, meet your date in a public place, such as a restaurant, in lieu of your date coming to your residence; download, and frequently reference the Sex Offender App, available from the Kentucky State Police.
- Inform a family member or trusted friend of your date’s name, cellular phone number, your destination, and your estimated time of arrival; upon arrival, contact your family member or trusted friend and inform him or her of your safe arrival; upon departing for home, contact your family member or friend and inform him or her of your estimated time of arrival; once home, and safely inside, inform the same family member or friend of your safe arrival.
- Never accept beverages from acquaintances or strangers; and never resume consuming any beverage that has been left unattended.
- If under legal age, avoid consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- If of legal age, avoid or be judicious in the consumption of alcoholic beverages; never combine alcoholic beverages with prescription medications.
- Avoid using illegal drugs or prescription medications of others.
- Avoid cellular phone usage while walking, entering buildings and exiting buildings.
- If listening to music from an iPod, avoid having earphones in both ears.
- Be constantly alert for any suspicious persons or activities; immediately report any suspicious persons or activities to University Police, by phoning 911 or 859-572-5500; program the University Police Department’s phone number into your cellular phone.
- Whenever possible, travel during daylight hours and in groups of two or more; when traveling at night, do so in well-lighted areas and in groups.
- When traveling by motor vehicle, lock all doors; keep music level low; allow at least two car lengths between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of yours, including while stopped in traffic.
- When parking motor vehicles, back into well-lighted areas; upon returning, activate the remote and unlock only the driver’s door; while the passenger compartment is illuminated, examine the interior compartment by looking through the windshield; once inside, immediately lock the door and without unnecessary delay, proceed from the location.
- If your vehicle is disabled, contact local police, before notifying a family member or trusted friend; and prior to notifying any auto club or towing service; lock the vehicle’s doors and remain in the vehicle.
- Never affix your name, address, and phone number to a key ring.
- Never leave your cellular phone unattended; never loan your phone to acquaintances or strangers.
- Never enter a motor vehicle against your will, even if threatened with a weapon; scream, run, fight, and flee to a safe area.
- Unwanted advances can often be thwarted by clearly, directly, and continually communicating, “No!” No, in this context, is a complete sentence; it is not subjective. No means no – period!
- Be cautious with social media postings; some accounts, such as Instagram, are never private; do not post sensitive, personal information that could compromise your personal safety.
Bystanders can often prevent sexual assaults by safely intervening; the level of intervention must be specific to the bystander’s skill, experience, and expertise; often, phoning the police or yelling, “Stop, the police are on the way!” is sufficient to prevent or stop a sexual assault.

Trust your instincts; if any situation makes you uncomfortable, immediately notify University Police; if off campus, immediately notify local police by phoning 911.