



CRIME ALERT

Sex Offense/Rape

On Monday, May 15, 2017, at approximately 11:45 p.m., a sexual assault occurred on Paseo Rancho Castilla near parking Lot 7. The female victim stated the assault took place inside the male suspects' car. The victim stated they were parked along the curb when he began to force himself on her. She described the vehicle as a gray 2 door sports car. The victim stated she met the suspect on a dating website and agreed to meet on campus. The victim describes the suspect as a male Latino, in his 20's, 5-feet 6-inches tall, approximately 190 to 200 pounds, with black hair, brown eyes and a beard. The suspect was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and dark colored cargo type shorts.

If you have any information regarding this crime, please contact **Detective Vargas at (323) 343-3700** or call the **Victim/Witness Assistance Line, available 24-hours a day at (323) 343-3756.**

Safety Tips for Meeting New People Online:

Trust your gut instinct – Your instinct is your most powerful psychological tool and will help tell you if something is not right. As you read profiles, respond to messages, have phone conversations and meet in person, your instincts will help tell you if something is not quite right. This is your cue to be careful, back off, or proceed with caution.

Meet in a public place for your first meeting – Arrange to meet in a public place. Your initial meeting will tell you a lot about the other person. Avoid meeting for the first time at someone's home or inviting that person to your home. Keep in mind that if it doesn't work out, do you want this person to know where you live? Additionally, if you live on campus and invite an online stranger to your apartment, you must consider the safety of your housemates and other students in your housing community.

Tell a friend and stay connected – Inform a friend or family member of your plans and when and where you are going. If you own a mobile phone be sure to have it with you.

Keep a clear mind – Avoid doing anything that would impair your judgement or decision making. Remember, drugs can easily be slipped into drinks.

It's OK to ask personal questions. You always want to know who you're meeting. Important information to know includes his or her full name, age and where he or she lives. If a new connection asks you for a loan or any financial information, no matter how sad the hard luck story, it is virtually always a scam and you should report it. If at any time during your date you don't feel safe or comfortable, it's OK to leave. You don't have to spare anyone's feelings.

These tips and many others can be found at www.onlinedatingmagazine.com. Knowledge is power ... Be Safe!

REMINDER: Whenever you see suspicious activity on campus or in the surrounding area, please call the University Police Department immediately.

University Police — (323) 343-3700

IF YOU ENCOUNTER PERSONS INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, DIAL 9-1-1

In compliance with the "Timely Notice" provisions of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, University Police is giving notice of the above incident.