

CRIME ALERT

September 19, 2007

STUDENT REPORTS SEXUAL ASSAULT

A SMU student reported she was sexually assaulted in her residence hall room on Sept. 15, by someone she had met earlier in the evening.

The student said she met the suspect at a bar on Greenville Avenue prior to the assault and may have been drugged.

The suspect has been identified and is not affiliated with the university.

The assault is under investigation by the SMU Police Department. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the SMU Police Department at 214-768-3388. Information may also be reported anonymously through the Silent Witness Program by calling 214-SMU-2TIP or online at <http://www.smu.edu/pd>.

Personal Security Tips

If you are sexually assaulted:

- Call the police and seek medical attention immediately. Time is critical in such cases. (214-768-3388 or 911).
- Seek counseling from SMU Psychological Services for Women.
- Don't bathe or shower. A medical doctor will need to gather forensic evidence from you.
- Never drink from an open container that has been out of your possession for any length of time. If you think you may have been drugged, seek medical attention immediately and contact the police.
- Have a Rape Kit Exam performed at Parkland Hospital. SMU Police will take you to the hospital, and a representative of SMU Psychological Services for Women will be available to accompany you (214-768-4795).
- Save your clothing, bed sheets, pillow covers, etc. Do not wash them. Police will need these items too.