

# SAFETY NOTICE Department of Public Safety

**Incident Type** Sexual Assault (Campus)

**Date of Report** August 28, 2016

**Location\*** Residence Hall

**Description:** A female student reported to a medical professional that a male student

acquaintance sexually assaulted her in his residence hall room. The matter

is under review by ETSU Public Safety.

\*Exact location may be withheld to protect complainant's identity.

#### **SAFETY TIPS and RESOURCES:**

\*The first six weeks of college is the time first year women are most likely to be raped or experience attempted rape. This time is also known as *The Red Zone* – a period of vulnerability for sexual assaults. \*A U.S. Department of Justice report cited studies indicating that 90-93% of campus sexual assaults are by an acquaintance (Krebs, et al., 2007).

\*Alcohol and other drugs are often used to create vulnerability to sexual assault. Studies have shown a high correlation between acquaintance/non stranger rape and the use of alcohol and other drugs. If the use of alcohol or other drugs is being encouraged, be aware and alert.

\*Contact <u>Safe Voyage</u>, ETSU's escort service for assistance in getting across campus or to your car when you are alone or uncomfortable.

\*Be an active bystander. See <u>Buccaneer Bystander Intervention</u>. When you observe conflict or concerning behavior, take steps to make a difference: assess the situation, evaluate options, and select a strategy for response. That could be reporting suspicious persons/behavior to Public Safety or local police.

\*Visit the <u>ETSU Violence Free website</u> to learn about reporting options, counseling services, and other campus resources.

### **CONSENT DEFINITION:**

An informed decision, freely given, made through mutually understandable words or actions that indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. Consent cannot be given by an individual who is asleep; unconscious; or mentally or physically incapacitated, either through the effect of drugs or alcohol or for any other reason; or, is under duress, threat, coercion, or force. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. (for more information visit: <a href="http://www.etsu.edu/violencefree/">http://www.etsu.edu/violencefree/</a>)

## ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THIS INCIDENT SHOULD CONTACT

ETSU Public Safety \* 423-439-4480 \* http://www.etsu.edu/dps/

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is a safety notice? The purpose of an ETSU safety notice is to increase awareness of criminal activity, to provide safety tips that might prevent similar crimes, and to assist you in making informed decisions about personal safety.

What is the Clery Act? The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Acts require ETSU and all universities to notify the campus community of certain criminal activity that occurs on ETSU owned or controlled properties. For more information on the Clery Act visit <a href="http://clerycenter.org/summary-jeanne-clery-act">http://clerycenter.org/summary-jeanne-clery-act</a>

Where can I find campus crime statistics and the annual Campus Security Report? The full report and statistics are available at http://www.etsu.edu/dps/default.aspx

What is a Campus Security Authority (CSA)? The term CSA is used in the Clery Act to describe someone who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities including but not limited to the campus police department, campus security, housing, conduct, club advisors, etc. Are there other resources about campus emergencies or personal safety? The ETSU Safety website contains additional resources and can be accessed at: www.etsu.edu/safety/

What if I am concerned about a student's behavior or a student who has been impacted by an incident? You should submit an Incident or CARE report online at: <a href="http://www.etsu.edu/students/conduct/">http://www.etsu.edu/students/conduct/</a> The Dean of Students Office will follow up with the student about the situation.