

## **ETSU investigating report of alleged rape on campus earlier this semester**

The East Tennessee State University Department of Public Safety recently received a report from a student affairs staff member that an alleged rape had occurred on campus earlier this semester.

The alleged victim is an ETSU female student. According to her, she encountered the two individuals in a common area within her residence hall, Governors Hall, and they followed her to her room where she was subsequently assaulted. At this time, it has not been determined if these two individuals are ETSU students.

The incident is believed to have occurred during the first two weeks of the semester, and ETSU authorities are working to determine an exact date.

The alleged victim reported the incident to her resident assistant on Sept. 9 and stated that it had occurred earlier in the semester. At that time, she indicated that she did not want to report the matter to the police. Subsequently, attempts by ETSU staff were made to reach the student. She met with the ETSU Office of Student Affairs on Monday, Sept. 15 and agreed to schedule a meeting with ETSU Public Safety, which occurred this evening (9/16).

The student described the suspects as biracial (African American/White) and that one suspect is approximately six feet tall with curly brown hair and the second suspect is short with balding hair.

The incident remains under investigation.