



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

For the protection and safety of SU students, faculty, staff and neighbors,
the Department of Public Safety releases the following alert:

Sexual Assault

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SUNDAY – 10/4/2009 – between 1:30 am and 2:00 am – 100 block College Place

This alert is a result of an ongoing investigation by the Syracuse Police Department. A female student reported that she was sexually assaulted while attending a fraternity house party located at 131 College Place. The victim reported meeting the suspect at a social event being held inside the house. The victim reported that the suspect forced the victim outside and engaged in non-consensual sexual activity in the area immediately outside the house. The incident is currently being actively investigated by the Syracuse Police Department.

The victim described the suspect as: male, white, late teens, 5'4" to 5'6" tall, thin build, brown hair "sort of spiked," last seen wearing: a maroon-colored shirt, possibly a polo-style or a long-sleeved shirt "with the sleeves rolled up" and blue jeans. The suspect's first name may be "Matt."

If anyone has any information regarding this incident or information leading to the identity of 'Matt', please contact Syracuse Police Department @ 442-5222 Or SU Department of Public Safety @ 443-2224. ... or you can anonymously leave NON-EMERGENCY information for SU DPS by clicking on the updated version of "Silent Witness" at http://publicsafety.syr.edu/students/silent_witness.html

FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free), call 443-2224 for more information about these services.
- Centro Bus or taxi service.
- Walk, bike or jog in **groups of three or more** – away from bushes, cars, and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
- Look and listen. Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
- Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.
- Don't approach strangers or let them get close to you and don't become separated from friends.
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Go toward an open business or lighted house.
- Have your house or car keys in hand before you reach your door.
- **Know where "Blue Light" phones are and how to use them.**
- If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property, not your life.
- Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle & tag number.

IMMEDIATELY report emergencies or suspicious activities, persons and vehicles.
For Public Safety dial 711 (on campus) #78 (from a cell phone); for Syracuse Police dial 911.
Your quick report may help prevent others from becoming victims.

