



CRIME ALERT

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SEXUAL ASSAULT POSSIBLE USE OF DATE RAPE DRUG

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) issues this crime alert to provide information to the campus community regarding a reported sexual assault/rape which occurred in late October of 2013. The incident allegedly occurred at a fraternity party on Greek Row, and the facts suggest possible use of a date drug.

MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The University of Southern California condemns sexual assault in all its forms. The actions of the perpetrator(s) **will not be tolerated by the USC campus community**. An investigation into this incident and previous incidents is ongoing at this time and the perpetrator or perpetrators will be held accountable. The USC campus community takes crimes of this nature very seriously and fully intends to prevent and stop sexual assault on our campus and in our community. Trojans do not tolerate sexual assault. Trojans care for Trojans. If you witness a crime, please report it immediately to DPS Emergency at (213) 740-4321 and provide the location where the incident occurred and a description of the perpetrator(s) to the best of your ability.

Effective January 1, 2013, the United States Department of Justice announced a change to the definition of Rape. The new definition of rape is: "Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim."

Valid consent to sexual activity must be informed and knowing. When people consent to sexual activity, they will have indicated, verbally or otherwise, that they are participating willingly, freely, and voluntarily. Silence, in and of itself, cannot demonstrate consent. Consent is an ongoing process in any sexual interaction and may be withdrawn at any time during a sexual interaction (*Consent-USC Policy*). The university's Sexual Assault Policy can be viewed in its entirety at <http://scampus.usc.edu/e-integrity-of-the-academic-community/e-2-sexual-misconduct/>.

The definition of consent under the California Penal Code, §261.6

"Consent shall be defined to mean positive cooperation in act or attitude pursuant to an exercise of free will. The person must act freely and voluntarily and have knowledge of the nature of the act or transaction involved. A current or previous dating or marital relationship shall not be sufficient to constitute consent where consent is at issue in a prosecution under Section 261, 262, 286, 288a, or 289." The California Penal Code definition of sexual assault can be located at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=pen&group=00001-01000&file=240-248>.

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INFORMATION REGARDING DATE RAPE DRUGS

The phenomenon of date rape drugs being used to facilitate sexual assault has been widely reported across the country. Although no confirmed cases have previously been reported on-campus, the Department of Public Safety urges the USC community to be alert to the possibility and to take steps to protect themselves. Date rape drugs, commonly Rohypnol, GHB, and Ketamine, can be slipped into an unsuspecting person’s drink. Rapid and severe intoxication follows, along with dramatically reduced inhibitions and memory loss. In this condition, anyone can be extremely vulnerable to sexual assault.

PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

No victim is responsible for being raped or sexually assaulted; the perpetrator is the one responsible. No action or inaction by a crime victim makes that person responsible for being victimized. Nonetheless this safety information is offered to reduce the possibility of experiencing a crime, improve opportunities to receive prompt assistance, and increase everyone’s ability to be an informed bystander or witness.

To protect yourself, do not leave drinks unattended, do not share drinks with others and be wary of accepting drinks from people you do not know well. To be even more careful, make sure that you open and pour your own drink. It is also wise to use the buddy system while socializing—when you go out with friends, agree to keep an eye on one another and to go home together. If a friend starts to exhibit symptoms of date rape drug ingestion, seek medical help immediately. Signs to look for include: dizziness and/or nausea, memory loss, breathing or motion difficulties, and acting disproportionately intoxicated relative to the amount of alcohol consumed.

DPS RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

- Encourage friends to travel in pairs or with trusted companions, especially at night or in remote areas.
- Report suspicious persons or activity immediately to DPS (213)740-4321.
- If you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Any suspicious persons or activities should be reported to DPS or LAPD immediately.
- BE A GOOD WITNESS. Describe exactly what you observed with as many details as possible. Give complete descriptions such as sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, tattoos, and scars. Try to get the license plate if a vehicle is involved.
- Report Crime ANONYMOUSLY via Silent Witness <http://adminopsnet.usc.edu/department/department-public-safety/online-forms/silent-witness-crime-report-form>
- FOR MORE TIPS – visit: <http://adminopsnet.usc.edu/department/department-public-safety/student-safety-tips>

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RESOURCES FOR SURVIVORS OF CRIME

Student Health Center	(213) 740-5344
Center for Women and Men	(213) 740-4900
Counseling Center	(213) 740-7711 for students (213) 743-2770 for faculty and staff
Vice President for Student Affairs	(213) 740-2421
Office of Equity and Diversity, Title IX Coordinator	(213) 740-5086
Student Judicial Affairs	(213) 821-7373
USC Health Sciences Campus Violence Intervention Program	
Daytime	(323) 226-3961
After Hours	(323) 226-3061

RESOURCES OUTSIDE OF THE USC CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Rape Treatment Center Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center 1250 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404 http://www.911rape.org	(424) 259-6000 or (310) 319-4000
National Center for Victims of Crime 2000 M Street NW, Suite 480 Washington, DC 20036	(202) 467-8700 (202) 467-8701 Fax

Online Stalking Resources Center
<http://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center>

If you have any questions regarding this crime alert, please contact the Department of Public Safety.

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