IU-Bloomington Crime Notice: September 21, 2021

CONTENT WARNING: This notice contains information on an assault that may cause distress to some individuals.

In compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, a Crime Notice is being issued for a reported rape.

REPORTED OFFENSE: On September 20, 2021 at around 9:30 pm, the IUPD received a report of rape. It was reported that the victim and suspect were in an on-campus residential facility when the suspect forced sexual acts on the victim.

TIME AND LOCATION OF OFFENSE: The incident occurred on September 18, 2021 just after 12:00 am in an on-campus residential facility.

SUSPECT: The suspect is not an IU student, his identity is known to the victim and to police, he is not a Bloomington resident but frequently visits the area. The investigation is ongoing.

SAFETY TIPS: Sexual assault can happen to anyone. Each member of the IU Bloomington community shares in the responsibility to create and maintain a safe and respectful environment for all individuals. You can help reduce the risk of sexual assault by watching out for the safety of others. While not all crimes of sexual violence are alike, the following information may be helpful:

- Perpetrators of sexual assault are often more likely to assault someone they know, rather than a stranger. It is also important to know that perpetrators of sexual assault can be strangers to the victim. The perpetrator, not the survivor, is responsible for any instance of sexual assault.

- Consent – Anyone initiating any kind of sexual contact with another person must obtain their consent. Consent is an agreement or permission expressed through affirmative, voluntary words or actions that are mutually understandable to all parties involved. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. Consent cannot be coerced or compelled by force, threat, deception, or intimidation.

*Keep in mind that consent cannot be given by someone who is incapacitated. This means that a person is incapable of consent if they are unable to understand the facts, nature, extent, or implications of the situation due to drugs, alcohol, a mental disability, being asleep or unconscious, or based on their age (pursuant to Indiana law).

- Personal Safety – Perpetrators may use social media platforms to meet potential victims. Perpetrators may use personal information shared to engage in harmful and harassing behaviors. Be cautious on what you share and how you use social media. Use safety resources on your social media platforms to report anyone harassing or exhibiting harmful behaviors. Perpetrators often use drugs and/or alcohol to target potential victims. Other date rape drugs are tasteless, colorless, odorless, can be ingested in a multitude of forms, and effects are not immediately apparent. Be cautious of any substance you are drinking, eating or inhaling that you have not personally prepared and has not remained in your constant control.

- Bystander Intervention – Look out for each other. If one of you cannot be with a group of trusted friends, tell each other where you are going, whom you will be with, when you expect to return, and that you’ll contact them if anything changes. If you see someone in trouble, intervene directly if it is safe for you to do so, or delegate by seeking help from those around you or by calling 911.

Anyone with information on this crime or any other crime is encouraged to call the IU Police Department – Bloomington at 812-855-4111
You may also call Crime Stoppers at 1-317-262-TIPS (8477).

If additional information or updates are released, they will be posted to http://emergency.iu.edu

Download the IU Rave Guardian Safety App. For more information visit:

Crimes are identified using the terminology from the Clery Act. Additional information on the Clery Act, including definitions of crime terms can be found at: https://protect.iu.edu/police-safety/clery/index.html

Update your information on the IU Notify page to receive the most up to date notifications. Instructions for how to update your contact information are found at: https://kb.iu.edu/d/avvp