SUBJECT: CRIME NOTICE – REPORTED RAPE AND AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

IU Bloomington Crime Notice: October 23, 2019

In compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, a Crime Notice is being issued for two (2) separate reported incidents of Rape and Aggravated Assault.

REPORTED OFFENSES: IUPD has recently received two separate reports of rape and aggravated assault. In each incident, the suspect met the victim through social media app Tinder. In both incidents, the suspect temporarily strangled and forced the victim to engage in nonconsensual sexual acts.

TIME AND LOCATION OF OFFENSE: These incidents occurred in the Fall semester of 2018 in separate on-campus residential housing facilities.

SUSPECT: The incidents involved two separate suspects. Police know the suspects and the investigations are ongoing.

In an effort to keep yourself and others safe, please consider the following safety tips:

Sexual assault can happen to anyone. Each member of the IU Campus 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:

- 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. Someone who is incapacitated by the use of alcohol and/or drugs cannot give consent.

- Personal Safety – Perpetrators may use social media platforms to meet potential victims. Tinder is frequently used by both students and non-students for a variety of purposes. Some perpetrators talk on line for extended periods of time with their potential victims to build up a sense of trust. Be cautious on what you share and how you use social media. Perpetrators often use drugs and/or alcohol to target potential victims. 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, safely intervene or call the police immediately.

- **Perpetrators of sexual assault** - are often more likely to assault someone they know, rather than a stranger. The perpetrator, not the survivor, is responsible for any instance of sexual assault.

Additional safety tips can be found at: [https://protect.iu.edu/police-safety/safety-prevention/index.html](https://protect.iu.edu/police-safety/safety-prevention/index.html)

Anyone with information on this crime or any other crime is encouraged to call the IU Police Department – Bloomington at (812) 855-4111.

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


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](https://protect.iu.edu/police-safety/clery/index.html)

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