SUBJECT: CRIME NOTICE – REPORTED RAPE

IU Bloomington Crime Notice:
October 30, 2019

CONTENT WARNING: This alert contains information on an assault.

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 October 29, 2019 at 8:55 p.m. the IUPD received a delayed report of rape. It was reported that the suspect had just met the victim during a gathering in an on-campus residential housing facility. Later in the evening, the suspect engaged in nonconsensual sex with the victim.

TIME AND LOCATION OF OFFENSE: This incident occurred during Welcome Week, August 2019, at one of the on-campus residential housing facilities.

SUSPECT: The suspect’s identity is unknown to the IUPD but it is believed they are student (or affiliated with IU) and 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. 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 cannot be given by someone who is incapacitated by the use of alcohol and/or drugs. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. Consent cannot be coerced or compelled by force, threat, deception or intimidation.

- Personal Safety – Perpetrators may use social media platforms to meet potential victims. Tinder and other social media platforms are 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.

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

For more information on sexual violence prevention and resources, see http://stopsexualviolence.iu.edu

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

Download the IU Rave Guardian Safety App. For more information visit: https://protect.iu.edu/news/iu/2019/guardian.html

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