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Date of Issue: March 29, 2016
Alert Number: 2016-03
Nature: Sexual Assault - Rape
Date of Incident: January 2016 – March 29, 2016
Location of Incident: On-Campus Housing
Expires: April 12, 2016

Synopsis: Since January 2016, Campus Safety has learned of seven reported sexual assault-rape incidents in our community. One of these cases dates back to 2012, while the others have occurred since October 2015. Five of the cases occurred on campus. Six of these cases are considered acquaintance rapes.

Sexual assault is never the fault of the survivor. While nothing is failsafe, here are some items that everyone should consider:

- Perpetrators single out individuals for their vulnerability, not their sexiness or how they look or act. Rape is not a crime of sexual desire. It is a crime of hostility and violence toward the survivor. People often engage in survivor blaming. It is a way to preserve the false belief that they will be safe from sexual assault “if only” they do not do what the survivor did. However, rape is never the survivor’s fault. **Only the perpetrator chooses to commit sexual assault.**

- Be active in supporting a safe and respectful community. If you see others engaging in disrespectful or inappropriate actions, speak up and get involved, or contact someone else to assist.

- If you would like more information about how to be a proactive bystander, please participate in a “Be a B.O.S.S.” training.

- Forcing sexual contact on another person without consent is against the law and against university policy. Someone who is passed out, unconscious or incapacitated because of drugs or alcohol is unable to give consent. Sex without consent is sexual assault. Rape is never the survivor’s fault.

- Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy or sense something is wrong, call for help.

- If you’ve been sexually assaulted, tell someone – there are resources to help you. To speak to someone confidentially, you can reach out to CAPE, the Health and Counseling Center, or the University Chaplain.

- Title IX is tasked with addressing violations of University Policy related to gender based discrimination, harassment and violence, including any non-consensual sexual contact. If you would like to understand what your options are for addressing your experience through the University process, please reach out to the Title IX Office. Title IX tracks reported assaults regardless of whether or not victims decide to move forward. This can be helpful in identifying repeat offenders.

- For additional resources please register for the **2nd Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month Summit on April 7th and 8th.**
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