

CAMPUS SAFETY ALERT



Date of Issue: January 13, 2020

Alert Number: 20-01

Nature: Sexual Assault; Forcible Fondling **Date of Incident:** Saturday, January 11, 2020

Location of Incident: 2200 Block of E. Asbury Avenue

Synopsis: On Saturday, January 11, 2020, at approximately 10:40 p.m., the Division of Campus Safety received notification from the Denver Police Department of a reported sexual assault (Forcible Fondling), involving a DU student. The student reported that the incident occurred in the 2200 block of E. Asbury Ave. on this same date (January 11, 2020), between 8:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.

The student stated that while walking on E. Asbury Avenue, she was approached by four male suspects who grabbed her and forced her up against an unknown object. The student stated one of the suspects put his hand up her shirt and then down her pants. The student shouted for help and as two unknown individuals ran toward her to assist, the four suspects immediately ran from the incident location.

The student reported the incident to the Denver Police Department which is conducting an investigation. The victim has been provided resources. This information is being shared with the community per federal law.

Description of Suspects: The student described one suspect as a white male, college age, approximately 6'0" or more in height, wearing a black Adidas hoodie and khaki pants. There is no description available for the 3 other suspects involved in this incident.

If you have any information about this incident, please contact Campus Safety at 303-871-2334.

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

- Perpetrators choose victims for their vulnerability, not how they look or act. Sexual assault is a crime of hostility and violence toward the victim. People often engage in victim 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 victim did. However, sexual assault is never the victim'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 an active bystander, please participate in "Intervene".
- 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. Sexual assault is never the victim's fault.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy or sense something is wrong, call for help.

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If you've been sexually assaulted, tell someone – there are resources to help you. Please see the last page of this alert for more information.

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IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON THIS CRIME OR OTHERS, CONTACT:

Denver Police Department 720.913.2000

DU Campus Safety Investigator 303.871.4226 Michael.Fetrow@du.edu

DU Anonymous Tip Line 303.871.3130

Title IX Coordinator 303.871.7016 Jeremy.Enlow@du.edu

Available Resources on Campus for Victims of Crime:

Department	Functions	Telephone
Campus Safety (Emergency)	Responds to emergencies and crime on campus	911 then (303) 871-3000 (1-3000)
Campus Safety (Non-Emergency)	Call to report a crime, request a walking escort or schedule a crime prevention presentation	(303) 871-2334 (1-2334)
Campus Safety Anonymous Tip Line	Anonymously report tips regarding crime on campus	(303) 871-3130 (1-3130)
Center for Advocacy, Prevention and Empowerment (CAPE)	Provides <i>confidential</i> daytime advocacy and support for victims of sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and sexual harassment	(303) 871-3853 (1-3853)
Health & Counseling Center	Confidential , professional counseling services	(303) 871-2205 (1-2205)
Health & Counseling Center's Afterhours Counselor on Call	Confidential, afterhours crisis services for urgent mental health and gender violence concerns	(303) 871-2205 (1-2205)
Housing & Residential Education (HRE)	Can arrange room changes or initiate reports	(303) 871-2246 (1-2246)
Student Rights and Responsibility	Issues no contact orders and oversees the student judicial process	(303/8714504 (1-4504)

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