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TIMELY WARNING – SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTED ON CAMPUS

This information is being released in accordance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. The Clery Act requires all colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to keep and disclose information about crime on and near their respective campuses, including timely warnings of crimes that may represent a threat to the safety of students or employees. As reports may be delayed, NSU provides such information to the community as soon as reasonably possible.

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Nova Southeastern University issues the following notice of a crime that was reported to have occurred at a Residential Hall on the Davie/Fort Lauderdale Campus on the evening of Monday, September 7, 2020. Specifically, NSU has received a report that a female student was sexually assaulted in a residential hall room. This incident is reported to have occurred after a party at a nearby off-campus apartment complex where alcohol was present.

While the incident is still under investigation, there are two potential suspects and/or persons of interest. Both are male, appear to be in their 20's, have average build, and have dark skin. One has short hair and the other has shoulder length braids which may be pulled back into a ponytail.

Anyone with information is asked to immediately call: the Davie Police at 954-693-8200 or the NSU Public Safety Department at 954-262-8999.

RELEVANT LOCAL RESOURCES:

Davie Police Department 954-693-8200 NSU Public Safety Department 954-262-8999 Nancy J. Cotterman Center 954-761-RAPE

Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network http://rainn.org

NSU Title IX 954-262-7858 http://nova.edu/title-ix

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GENERAL CRIME PREVENTION:

Crime victims are never responsible for the behavior of perpetrators. Unfortunately, every report of a crime is a reminder that crimes can happen anywhere, and college campuses are microcosms of their surrounding communities.

College-aged students are a population at risk of experiencing sexual assault, including by persons known to them. While individual safety can never be guaranteed, there are some ways to promote an overall safer campus environment such as:

- Even when a campus feels safe, there are things each person can do to promote <u>campus</u> <u>safety</u>.
- <u>Consent</u> is at the heart of sexual violence and assault. It is expected that the initiator of each sexual act seeks and receives consent prior to engaging in sexual activity.
- Alcohol and other drugs can inhibit a person's ability to give consent or may be used by a perpetrator to make it easier to commit a crime. RAINN offers tips related to <u>alcohol</u> <u>safety</u>.
- Bystander intervention is a way you may be able to help your friends. Learn more about options for intervention.