

SAFETY MESSAGE



Dear Campus Community,

The following information is being shared to enhance your personal safety at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The goal is to provide information so the UNL community has awareness of the situation and can take precautions for their own safety, as well as to encourage reporting of similar situations to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police. Information reported in this message is based on the situation as currently known to UNLPD.

A timely warning is being issued in connection to a sexual assault.

The victim reported to UNLPD on Friday, July 9th, 2021 that she had been sexually assaulted in a university parking lot near 19th and Vine after meeting the suspect earlier in the evening in downtown Lincoln.

The male suspect is described as having a muscular build, black hair, in his late 20's. His vehicle is described as a tan Toyota Camry. The suspect has been identified.

Both the victim and the suspect are not affiliated with campus.

Related UNLPD Case Number: 21001860

Personal Safety Tips

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln firmly believes a crime survivor is never responsible for the other person's actions or criminal conduct and it is the fault of the perpetrator alone. The UNLPD is providing the following safety tips in an effort to assist the University community with taking the necessary precautions

- When you are going out, create a plan beforehand. If going out alone, make sure someone knows where you are going, who you will be with, and when you expect to arrive and return. Make sure you have your cell phone, and it is fully

charged before going out. Perpetrators take advantage of vulnerability and seek opportunities to commit sexual assaults.

- If you ever feel uncomfortable in a situation or with a person, or someone is behaving disrespectfully, remove yourself from the situation, especially if you are concerned it may become physical. If necessary, create a distraction, and if able, involve others and attract attention to yourself in any way you can.
- Sexual assault is any sexual activity that occurs in the absence of consent. Do not engage in sexual activities without consent from your partner(s). This includes each type of sexual activity that takes place, as consent to one type does not automatically mean consent is given for another type of activity. Do not just assume you know what the other person wants. Be aware that anyone incapacitated by alcohol or other substances may not be able to provide consent.
- Alcohol is frequently used to facilitate sexual violence by reducing a person's ability to respond effectively, impairing memory, and increasing feelings of self-doubt or blame. Studies of sexual assault incidents show a high correlation between acquaintance rape and drug/alcohol usage.
- When drinking, consider your surroundings, be aware of personal limits, and look after friends who appear to be intoxicated. Be alert to people pressuring you or others to use alcohol or other drugs.
- Listen, believe, and support someone who discloses victimization. Never blame the victim. If they feel comfortable enough to tell you about it, it means they are counting on your help.
- If you experience sexual assault and need help or someone to aid you in navigating the situation, you can contact any of the following resources:
 - Local Hospital Emergency Rooms
 - Bryan Health West: 2300 S. 16th St. – 402.481.5142
 - Bryan Health East: 1600 S. 48th St. – 402.481.3142
 - CHI Health: 555 S. 70th St. – 402.486.7142
 - Advocacy resources
 - CARE Advocates at 402.472.3553 (<https://care.unl.edu/>)
 - Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at 402.472.7450
 - Friendship Home at 402.437.9302
 - Voices of Hope at 402.475.7273
- National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline at 800.656.4673

Crime prevention and awareness, as well as consistent reporting, may be the strongest defenses against becoming a victim. Please call UNLPD immediately at 402-472-2222 (2-2222 on campus) to report information on this incident, or on any crime or suspicious activity or person. If you have any questions about this message, please contact the UNLPD at the phone number above or email unl.police@unl.edu.

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