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## Reported Sexual Assault – Rape

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A student contacted the University's Victim Advocate today to report a rape that occurred in the early morning hours of May 5, 2016. The alleged incident occurred in an off-campus home just east of the University. The Butler University Police Department was contacted and has begun an investigation in consultation with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department's Sex Crimes Division.

At this time, the University Police has a known suspect in the case and is leading the investigation. The survivor is in contact with Student Affairs and working with University support services.

The University takes reported cases of sexual violence seriously. Survivors of crimes are encouraged to report incidents to the University police for additional investigation. If you are a survivor or have knowledge of alleged crimes, please contact Detective Bruce Allee at [bballee@butler.edu](mailto:bballee@butler.edu) or call 317-940-8856.

Butler offers several resources to assist survivors of sexual assault and educate our community:

- The University's Victim Advocate can be reached 24 hours a day/7 days a week at 317-910-5572.
- Programs and workshops regarding issues such as [sexual violence prevention](#) and response, dating violence prevention and response, and healthy sexual choices are available through the [Office of Health Education and Outreach Programs](#).
- The University's Title IX Coordinator who ensures the University's compliance with federal law is Stacie Colston Patterson, more information can be found [here](#).
- Educate yourself on issues related to sexual assault and other forms of interpersonal violence. Some helpful resources can be found [here](#).
- Call University Police to report any criminal incident. From a cell phone, dial 317-940-9999. From a campus phone, dial 911 or 317-940-9396.
- Additional reporting options include [Silent Watch](#) and University Police's [CSA online reporting form](#).

In an effort to keep yourself and others safe, please consider the following:

- Do not make any assumptions about what your partner is interested in doing sexually. Define your limits and make your intentions known. Talk about it!
- If you are interested in proceeding physically, seek permission and do not proceed without an explicit and enthusiastic "yes" from your partner.
- Remember that prior sexual interactions with someone do not automatically give permission for future sexual interactions with that person. Consent is required each and every time.
- Be aware that some people may encourage excessive alcohol consumption in order to take advantage of others sexually.
- Know that you have an obligation to your fellow Butler community members to intervene if you observe a situation that you feel may lead to sexual victimization. Do not let anyone "get away" with sexual assault. Step in, call for help, or call the police.
- Be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts. This alone will not prevent sexual assault, but is a good practice for reducing vulnerability.
- The ultimate responsibility for preventing sexual assault lies with those who would commit it. Take responsibility for your own actions and don't blame those hurt by sexual assault and other forms of interpersonal violence.

Bystander intervention can substantially reduce sexual and other forms of interpersonal violence. Click [here](#) to learn about Butler's bystander empowerment model, Community of C.A.R.E.

This Timely Warning is intended to make the campus community aware of a specific incident or increase in criminal activity. Timely Warnings may be posted on the University Police department's [website](#) only or emailed to the campus community.

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