Timely Warning from the Department of Public Safety

This Timely Warning is being sent by Benjamin Hunter, Chief of Staff.
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Dear Butler University community,

On February 16, 2014, at 4:30 p.m., a report was made to the University Police of a forcible rape. The report indicates the alleged criminal act took place at a campus residence hall on February 16 at approximately 3:00 a.m. In addition to reporting this crime, the survivor provided information that the suspect may have used force in another alleged sexual assault, previously unreported to the University. The suspect has been identified and the investigation is being handled by the Indianapolis Metro Police Department with University Police assistance.

The University takes reported cases of sexual assault seriously. Victims of crimes are encouraged to report incidents to the University police for additional investigation. If you are a victim or have knowledge of these crimes, please contact Detective Bruce Allee at bballee@butler.edu or call 317-940-8856.

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

- The University’s Victim Advocate can be reached 24 hours/7 days a week at 317-910-5572.
- The University offers a men’s peer education group. This group is open to any student to discuss male students’ important role in stopping sexual violence. You can find out more information about this group by contacting Andy Ryan at aryan@butler.edu or 317-940-8418 or the faculty advisor to this group Chad Bauman at cbauman@butler.edu or 317-940-8705.
- Programs and workshops regarding issues such as sexual violence prevention and response, dating violence prevention/response and healthy sexual choices are available through the Office of Health Education and Outreach Programs.
- Butler offers all incoming first-year students the MyStudentBody online educational seminar, which includes modules on sexual assault prevention, alcohol responsibility, and substance abuse.
- The Butler University Police Department offers self-defense training.
• The University's Title IX Coordinator who ensures the University's compliance with federal law is La Veda Howell, the Executive Director of Human Resources.
• Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to visit INCASA and RAINN for additional resources and educational materials on how to stop sexual violence in our communities.
• To ensure proper reporting of any criminal incident, please program your cell phone to call BUPD in an emergency. The number is 317-940-9999.
• The University Police also provides on-demand transportation—DawgRide—for your safety.
• You can report crimes to BUPD by calling 911 from any campus phone or dialing 317-940-9396. Additional reporting options include Silent Watch and BUPD’s CSA online reporting form.

This Timely Warning is intended to make the campus community aware of specific incidents or increases in crime on or near the campus. Timely Warnings may be posted on the University Police department’s website only or emailed to the campus community. Timely Warnings represent the University’s commitment to a safe educational and working environment for everyone. Timely Warnings are also intended to fulfill the requirements of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.