Three sexual assaults reported to BUPD

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

On April 25, 2013, the Butler University Police Department received three anonymous reports of separate crimes that are considered sexual assault in Indiana. All three alleged criminal incidents were reported by a designated Campus Security Authority (CSA).

Incident one:
A delayed report of a forcible fondling was reported to BUPD. The report indicates the alleged criminal act took place at a fraternity house on campus in August 2010 during “late night” hours. The exact fraternity house is not identified.

Incident two*:
A delayed report of a forcible rape was reported to BUPD. The report indicates the alleged criminal act took place off campus at an unknown location on Jan. 3, 2013. The report contains no other information to ascertain what location this alleged crime occurred.

Incident three:
A report of a forcible sodomy was reported to BUPD. The report indicates the alleged criminal act took place at Residential College (ResCo) on April 17, 2013, around 8 p.m. The report indicates the victim was forced to perform oral sex.

No further information on the suspects or victims was provided in the report. The University takes reported cases of sexual assault seriously. However, it is difficult to investigate these reported incidents without further information. 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 alleged 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.
• BUPD offers evening safety transportation escorts to students, faculty, and staff to on-campus destinations.
• 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.

*Incident two in this Timely Warning will not appear on the official University annual security report. This incident did not occur on University property, according to the CSA report. There is no information for BUPD to ascertain where this alleged crime occurred. If additional information is provided to BUPD, this case will be referred to the law enforcement agency with investigative authority.