



This Timely Warning was authorized by Andrew Ryan, Assistant Chief of Police for Administration.

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On April 19, 2015, a report was made to University Police of a forcible rape that occurred at an on-campus residence hall. The alleged assault occurred early in the morning hours of April 19, 2015. The suspect, who was known to the victim, has been identified and an active investigation is underway by the University Police, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, and the Butler University Division of Student Affairs.

The University takes all reported cases of sexual violence seriously. Victims of crimes are encouraged to report incidents to the University police for additional investigation. If you have knowledge of this alleged crime, please contact Detective Diane Sweeney at Dsweeney@butler.edu or call 317-940-6863.

Butler offers several resources to support 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.
- 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 La Veda Howell, the executive director of [Human Resources](#).
- 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.

The University Police uses FBI UCR definitions for crime classification. For a list of definitions, visit this [link](#).

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.