UCI Police Department has received a report of a rape that occurred at about 9:30 p.m. on February 29 in a UCI Student Housing parking lot inside a dark green SUV, no further description. UCI Police Department is investigating this crime. The victim and suspect are unaffiliated with UCI.

The suspect, said to be known to the victim, is described as a male Asian, 5 feet 6 inches, medium build, between 30-35 years old, clean shaven, short black hair, brown eyes, wearing white clothing with no logos. No further description.

No action or inaction by a crime survivor makes that person responsible for his or her victimization. Perpetrators are responsible for crimes and their effects. It is a crime to intentionally touch someone against his or her will, regardless of the situation.

Safety Tips:
-- If you feel you are being followed, cross the street, yell, run and look for a well-lit area or occupied building. Dial 9-1-1.
-- Tell someone where you are going, who you will be with and when you will be back.
-- If you think someone is at risk of being sexually assaulted, consider it an emergency and seek help.
-- The UCI Police Department Safety Escort program is available to anyone by calling (949) 824-SAFE (7233).

Resources:
-- Campus Assault Resources and Education (CARE) offers confidential resources, information and programs to serve those affected by sexual assault, relationship abuse and stalking http://www.care.uci.edu/.
-- A list of resources and support services for getting help can be found at http://www.soinfo.uci.edu/gethelpnow.html.
-- More information about the UCI Green Dot Bystander Intervention Program can be found at http://www.care.uci.edu/greendot/index.php.
-- Information about sexual assaults can be found at www.soinfo.uci.edu/.

If you have information that could be helpful in this investigation, please contact the UCI Police Department at (949) 824-5223. In emergency situations or during crimes in progress, dial 9-1-1 or use an emergency phone available on campus.

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