SEXUAL BATTERY

The UCI Police Department received a report on 11/3/2017 that an Uber driver was hired to take a student and their visitor to a fast food restaurant and back to a campus housing community. Upon the return ride to the housing community, the Uber driver committed sexual battery on the non-affiliate.

If you have information that could be helpful in these investigations, please contact UCI Police Department at (949) 824-5223.

Safety Tips:

- If you start to feel concerns about a person or a situation, trust your feelings and try to remove yourself as quickly as possible from the potential threat, even if it is someone whom you know and even if it feels awkward to do so.

- If you think someone is at risk of assault or abuse, you should consider it an emergency and act to support that person. You can call the police or ask for help from other people, intervene directly if safe, or create a distraction to help remove the potential victim from the situation.

- If you are going out alone, make sure that someone knows where you are going, who you will be with and when you expect to return.

- If you feel you are being followed, use your voice to bring attentions to what's happening, run if possible, and try to get to a different location or cross the street. Look for well-lit or occupied buildings. Dial 9-1-1. You can also walk or drive to a police station.

- The UCI Police Department Safety Escort program is available to anyone by calling (949) 824-SAFE (7233). This is a free service provided to members of the UCI community as a safe alternative to walking alone at night.

Resources:

- The UCI Care office provides confidential support and advocacy to students who have experienced sexual assault, relationship abuse and stalking www.care.uci.edu, (949) 824-7273

- UCI’s policies and support resources for sexual violence www.sexualviolence.uci.edu.


- Community Service Programs, Inc. (CSP) is available to provide 24-hour crisis and referral services www.cspinc.org, (949) 831-9110
Sincerely,

Jorge Cisneros, Chief

UCI Crime Alerts are released by the UCI Police Department when certain crimes are reported on or near UCI property, in compliance with federal law. These Crime Alerts provide information about campus safety situations and allow campus community members to take precautions for personal safety.