

Dear Campus Community,

UCI Police Department is investigating a report of a sexual assault that occurred on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at or around 3:00am in parking lot 5 on UCI campus.

Sexual assault occurs when physical sexual activity is engaged in without the consent of the other person. Consent is an affirmative, unambiguous, and conscious decision by each participant to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity. Consent cannot be given when a person is incapacitated. Silence does not equal consent. Consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual encounter and can be revoked at any time. Once consent is withdrawn, the sexual activity must stop immediately.

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

Safety Tips:

- 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 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 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.

- The UCI Police Department Safety Escort program is available to anyone by calling (949) 824-7233. This is a free service provided 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.

- UCI Green Dot Bystander Intervention Program www.care.uci.edu/greendot/index.php.

- Waymakers is available to provide 24-hour crisis and referral services www.waymakersoc.org. (949) 831-9110)

- Download UCI safety resources on your mobile phone here: <http://fa.uci.edu/mobile.php>

Kind Regards,
Paul Cooper
Interim Chief of Police