



Crime Alert

Content Warning: This crime alert includes sexual battery (fondling).

In an accordance with the [Clery Act](#) and to allow community members to make informed decisions about safety, we are sending this crime alert to our campus community. We encourage all community members to take care of their well-being while reading the following message, especially those who have been impacted by similar forms of violence.

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

The OEOB office works to resolve complaints of discrimination, sexual harassment, and/ or sexual violence through informal resolution or formal investigation. The office also assists with supportive remedies and resources for sexual violence oeod.uci.edu/. (949) 824-5594

Report

UCIPD received a report that a sexual battery took place Thursday, November 21, 2024, between 6:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. in Middle Earth student housing. An unknown male suspect followed the reporting party while going up the stairs. The suspect reached up the reporting party's skirt and groped her buttocks with both hands. The suspect then left the area. The reporting party described the suspect as an Asian male approximately 5'8"-5'10", black straight hair, wearing a black jacket, a red and black backpack, light colored pants, white shoes, glasses, and is approximately 20-25 years old. Officers canvassed the area and did not find the suspect.

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

Help fight crime by reporting suspicious activity to UCIPD immediately - race, gender, and religious affiliation are not considered suspicious.

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 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.

- Dial 9-1-1 for emergency or in-progress events. Non-emergency call (949) 824-5223.

Resources

- 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.waymakers.org. (949) 831-9110
- UCIPD 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.

Sincerely,

Liz Griffin

Chief of Police

[UCI Police Department](#)

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.

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