

UCI Police Department



Community Advisory: Suspicious Activity

Date: October 10, 2019

Location: Arroyo Vista, Mesa Court and Palo Verde Student Housing

Details:

On October 10, 2019, UCIPD received three reports of a male following women, as they are walking through their residential community. This took place between October 6th and October 9th between the hours of 8pm and 1am.

Each report is different in the nature to which the male approaches the women. In one instance, the male follows a woman and attempts to touch the woman's lower back. Another instance, the male attempts to make small talk with a woman and begins asking uncomfortable personal questions. Lastly, the male follows a woman to their residence and stands outside of their apartment.

The male has been described as tall (over 6 feet), slender, light skinned and around the age of 20-23. UCIPD has increased patrols in the residential communities of Arroyo Vista, Mesa Court and Palo Verde.

Help fight crime by reporting suspicious activity to UCIPD immediately; race, gender, and religious affiliation are not considered suspicious. Dial 9-1-1 for emergency or in progress events. Non - emergency dial (949) 824-5223.

Safety Tips:

- Be aware of people around you. When you are walking, stay alert and tuned into your surroundings.
- If you are being followed, go to the nearest building, office or residence for help.
- If you start to feel concerns about a person or 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 if it feels awkward to do so.

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 or (949) 824-7273.
- UCI's policies and support resources for sexual violence www.sexualviolence.uci.edu

UCI's Green Dot Bystander Program can be found at www.care.edu/greendot/index.php.

- Waymaker's is available to provide 24-hour crisis and referral services www.waymakersoc.org or (949) 831-9110.
- UCIPD offers 24/7 safety escorts for all UCI Community members www.police.uci.edu/cso/index.php or call (949) 824-7233.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Griffin Police Chief

What is this Community Advisory? Community Advisories are released when certain events that warrant an advisory are reported on or near UCI property, as deemed necessary by the UCI Police Department. These advisories are intended to raise awareness about safety-and security-related incidents among the UCI community.

