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SEXUAL ASSAULT

UCI Police Department is investigating two sexual assaults: a rape and a sexual battery. The first sexual assault occurred in early April, and the second sexual assault occurred this past weekend. Both occurred in a UCI Student Housing community, and the same person is suspected in both instances.

The suspect, said to be known to the victims, is described as a male, slender build, 20 years old, 6'2", approximately 150 pounds with black hair.

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 Once consent is withdrawn, the sexual activity must stop immediately.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 these investigations, 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 <u>www.care.uci.edu</u>. (949) 824-7273
- UCI's policies and support resources for sexual violence <u>www.sexualviolence.uci.edu</u>.
- UCI Green Dot Bystander Intervention Program www.care.uci.edu/greendot/index.php.
- Community Service Programs, Inc. (CSP) is available to provide 24-hour crisis and referral services <u>www.cspinc.org</u>. (949) 831-9110

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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.