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Crime Alert **Sexual Battery at Mesa College**

Date: May 04, 2016

Incident: Sexual Battery

Location: Mesa College Access Road

Summary:

It was reported to College Police today that an incident of Sexual Battery occurred yesterday at 3:30 p.m. on the access road leading from the library to Mesa College Circle. The reporting party stated that a male came out of the bushes, pulled her by her hair, pinned her against a trashcan, bit her neck, forcibly attempted to remove her pants, and left bruising on her thigh. The suspect is described as a white or Hispanic male, 5'10"-5'11" tall, with a muscular build, light-brown disheveled 1" hair, dark eyes, a long round face with pockmarks around his cheeks and chin, and broad shoulders and skinny legs. He was wearing a white T-shirt and dark, baggy jeans.

Information and Questions:

If you have information about this or any other crimes which have occurred, or may occur on or near campus, you may report it by calling [College Police](#) at (619) 388-6405, the [San Diego Police](#) at (619) 531-2000 or [Crime Stoppers](#) at (888) 580-TIPS. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

The San Diego Community College District Police Department's mission is to maintain peace and order and a safe learning environment throughout our District. There are Emergency Call-Boxes in many classrooms, elevators and parking lots that provide a direct link to the San Diego Community College District Police Department. Safety escort services are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. To arrange a safety escort call College Police at 619-388-6405.

Ray Aguirre
Chief of Police

Following are some important safety tips to help protect you against crime:

General Safety tips:

- 1) Know how to contact the **College Police Department**. Program the telephone number into your phone [\(619\)388-6405](tel:6193886405).
- 2) **Callboxes** that link directly to the College Police are located in and around campus, including in most classrooms.
Become familiar with the location of these callboxes. To activate the callbox simply press the button and the College Police dispatch center will respond.
- 3) Provide your cell phone number when you register for classes (if you have not already done so) to subscribe to the **Emergency Alert Notification System**. The district will send text message notices of emergency situations.
- 4) Should there be a safety concern on campus; students will receive a **Timely Warning Notice** from the College Police.
This notice will be sent via email to all students.
- 5) Report any **suspicious activity** immediately to the College Police at [\(619\) 388-6405](tel:6193886405).
- 6) **Safety Escort Services** are available. A Safety Escort is provided by the College Police whenever you are apprehensive walking alone to your car at night or for any other safety-related reason. Contact: College Police Dispatch at [\(619\) 388-6405](tel:6193886405).

Personal Safety Tips:

- 1) Practice the buddy system when walking on campus.
- 2) Always be aware of your surroundings.
- 3) Don't allow technology to distract or make you unaware of your surroundings.
- 4) Familiarize yourself with the routes to and from your classes; plan the safest route. Avoid dimly lighted areas.
- 5) Don't walk alone at night. Find a friend to walk with you.
- 6) If confronted by a criminal, scream or make as much noise as possible to scare the person away and to attract attention from others.

Protecting your property:

- 1) Lock your doors when you leave or enter your vehicle.
- 2) Do not leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicle.
- 3) Never leave valuables unattended at any time.
- 4) Secure bicycles through the wheel and frame with a high quality lock device.
- 5) Make a note of your property's serial number if it has one.

Don't be a Victim:

- 1) Limit your use of alcohol and beware of accepting drinks from others.
- 2) Never stay alone at a party when your friend leaves.
- 3) Empower yourself by enrolling in a self-defense class.
For more information about classes, go to: <http://police.sdccd.edu/rad.cfm>
- 4) Make sure you have explicit consent before engaging in sexual activity. See information about consent at: <http://www.sdccd.edu/titleix/>

***If you have been a victim of sexual assault:**

- Seek medical attention as soon as possible.
- To preserve evidence, do not shower, wash, douche or change your clothes.
- Report the incident to the Title IX Coordinator at your institution who can provide referrals to valuable resources including counseling.

City: Denise Whisenhunt [619-388-3464](tel:619-388-3464)

Mesa: Ashanti Hands [619-388-2678](tel:619-388-2678)

Miramar: Gerald Ramsey [619-388-7432](tel:619-388-7432)

Continuing Education: Star Rivera-Lacey [619-388-4850](tel:619-388-4850)

- Report the incident to law enforcement.

For comprehensive information about sexual assault, go to the Title IX website at:
<http://www.sdccd.edu/titleix/>

Following are links to other important information about campus safety and services for students:

- Safety Information
<http://police.sdccd.edu/safetyinfo.cfm>
- Annual Security Report: Safe and Sound
<http://police.sdccd.edu/docs/currentsafeandsound.pdf>
- Resource Guide for Victims of Sexual Violence
http://www.sdccd.edu/docs/titleix/titleix_resourceguide.pdf