



# CRIME ALERT

4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW (Main Campus Grounds)  
Release Date: 11/19/2017

## Sex Offense

### Incident:

On Sunday, November 19, 2017, a sex offense was reported to the American University Police Department by the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department. The incident is reported to have occurred outdoors on University property at 4400 Massachusetts Ave NW, on Sunday, November 19, 2017, between 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.

The suspect was reported to be the complainant's driver, who the complainant believed to be operating a vehicle for hire. The suspect is not known to the complainant.

There is no suspect information at this time. The D.C. Metropolitan Police is investigating the incident and will keep the University Police informed as further information is developed.

**Make a Confidential Tip through the American University Police Department Webpage at:**  
<http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/tips.cfm>

*If you have information relating to this incident, or witness suspicious activity, please call the American University Police Department at **202-885-3636** or **911** for the Metropolitan Police Department.*

### Resources

- The Office for Advocacy Services for Interpersonal and Sexual Violence (OASIS) develops and implements prevention and education programs for the AU community about sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. OASIS also provides victim advocates for survivors of interpersonal and sexual violence and can assist survivors in contacting counselors and other resources, when requested. OASIS can be reached at 202-885-7070.
- For information about resources available to victims/survivors of sexual assault, please visit the Wellness Center website at: <http://www.american.edu/ocl/wellness/sexual-assault-resources.cfm>

### Safety Tips

- When requesting rides through third party companies, use the company's application to request a ride. Never enter cars for rides which have not been ordered through the company's application as they may be imposters.
- When riding in taxis, always use licensed taxi companies.
- Verify the identity of the driver and the car prior to getting into the vehicle. If something seems out of place or the driver requests cash for the ride, do not enter the vehicle.
- Share your ride with your friends and family through the application or by other means (i.e. call, text, etc.)
- Sit in the back of the vehicle and remain aware of your surroundings.
- If you are involved in an assault, take note of the perpetrator's appearance, clothing and anything unusual that will help identify the suspect.
- Travel in groups when possible.
- Be aware of the emergency telephones (yellow boxes on pillars, blue light phone towers, and red telephones) located on campus, in building lobbies, elevators, and in parking lots.
- Do not let anyone follow you into the building, or admit anyone as a guest unless they are your guest.
- Program AU Police Department into your cell phone for emergencies: 202-885-3636
- AU Police Department provides escorts, twenty-four hours a day/seven days a week, for community members to and from university owned property. To arrange for an escort, call 202-885-2527 or use a blue light emergency phone.

*If you would like a copy of this alert, please visit:* <http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/crimealerts.cfm>

**Emergency: 202-885-3636**