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LIBERTY UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Timely Warning Notice

A female student reported last night (Sunday) that she was sexually assaulted (as defined by the federal Clery Act), choked, and prevented from leaving a vehicle while being driven around on campus by a male student acquaintance. The accused student has been identified and banned from campus while a university disciplinary matter is pending; however, the accuser has not yet decided whether she wants to file a criminal complaint, and the accused student is not in custody.

Statistics about sexual assault indicate that nearly 90% of all completed or attempted sexual assaults on college campuses are committed by acquaintances. Please remember that:

- Sexual Assault is against the law and is a felony.
- It is important for everyone involved in a sexual act to give consent to all aspects of the act. Consent granted for one act does not mean consent for another.
- Sexual Assault is not a crime of sexual desire. It is a crime of hostility and violence toward the victim. People often engage in victim blaming as a way to preserve the false belief that they will be safe from sexual assault "if only" they do not do what the victim did. However, rape is never the victim's fault. Only the perpetrator chooses to commit sexual assault.
- It is a myth that it can't happen to you. Sexual assault can happen to anyone, regardless of age, race, class, religion, occupation, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, educational background, or physical description.
- Persons that ask you for nude photos or graphically discuss sex before meeting are exhibiting potential warning signs of sexual exploitation that could lead to sexual assault.
- Consider meeting in groups or in public locations to reduce possible risk.

If you are a victim/survivor of sexual assault, the next steps are your choice. You are encouraged to:

- Preserve evidence. Do not shower or change your clothing.
- Dial 911 for emergency assistance or immediately go to the nearest hospital (in the Lynchburg area: Lynchburg General Hospital, 1901 Tate Springs Road, Lynchburg, Va. 24501) to get medical care and request a Physical Evidence Recover Kit ("rape kit").
- Consider reporting it. Notification options include:
 - Dial 911 (emergencies) or (434) 592-3911 to reach the Liberty University Police Department. The police are the only entity that can investigate a sexual assault for the means of criminal prosecution. It is important for them to gather evidence as soon as possible.
 - Dial (434) 592-4999 or email TitleIX@liberty.edu to report the incident to the Liberty University Title IX Coordinator. Liberty's Office of Equity & Compliance (OEC)/Title IX Office receives official complaints of violations of the university's Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct Policy and provides information on options, supportive measures, and resources.
 - All persons are encouraged to report the assault, but it is always the survivor's choice whether or not to do so.

Sexual Assault Survivor Advocates On and Off Campus (24 hours a day)

- Student Counseling Services (on campus) – (434) 582-2651
- Sexual Assault Response Program (community) – (434) 947-7273

Resources for survivors can be found at Liberty.edu/TitleIX.

This notice addresses a report of sexual assault. Resources are available on and off campus to provide assistance.

Colonel Richard D. Hinkley
Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety
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