TIMELY WARNING
Serious or Continuing Threat to the Community
Sexual Assault
May 3, 2015

To the George Mason University Community,

In compliance with the “Timely Warning” provisions of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act of 1998, the George Mason University Department of Police & Public Safety is giving notice of a sexual assault that occurred in a student residence on the Fairfax Campus.

On Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 12:33 AM, Mason Police received information that a female student was raped sometime late in the evening of Saturday, May 2, 2015 in a student residence on the Fairfax Campus by two male students known to the victim. The victim may have unknowingly ingested an unidentified drug prior to the alleged assault. Mason Police are actively investigating this incident.

Anyone with information pertaining to this crime can contact Mason Police at (703) 993-2810, or by using the Crime Solvers Anonymous Tip Hot-Line at (703) 993-4111.

Mason Police reminds members of the Mason community of the following:

• Sexual assault is non-consensual activity, ranging from unwanted touching to forced intercourse which can include sexual contact with someone who is impaired by alcohol, drugs, or any other intoxicant that impairs their judgment.
• Always seek verbal, sober, and clear consent. Immediately stop sexual advances if the other person indicates no interest or if they say “no.” Consent to one sexual act does not imply consent to another. The absence of “no” does not mean “yes.” Pressuring or coercing someone into engaging in sexual activity is sexual assault.
• If you are ever in a situation where you are unsure or scared, call Mason Police immediately at (703) 993-2810 or 911.
• If you witness a situation that appears unsafe or makes you uncomfortable, intervene if it’s safe to do so, elicit help from a friend, or go to a safe area and call for help.
• If a friend seems too intoxicated, get him or her to a safe place immediately.
• Seek medical help immediately if a friend starts to exhibit symptoms of dizziness and/or nausea, memory loss, breathing or motion difficulties, or is acting disproportionately intoxicated relative to the amount of alcohol.
Mason students, staff, faculty, and citizens near Mason campuses are encouraged to report all suspicious persons or incidents, however minor, to Mason Police immediately at (703) 993-2810 or 911.

George Mason University’s policy on sexual misconduct can be found online at http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/sexual-harassment-policy/ or by reviewing the institutions Annual Security Report located at http://police.gmu.edu/annual-security-report/.

Mason is obligated under federal law (Title IX, 20 U.S.C. § 1681(a)) to investigate reports of sexual misconduct, to take action to eliminate sexual harassment and sexual assault, and to prevent its reoccurrence and its adverse effects. Title IX protects any person from sex-based discrimination. The university will take measures in order to protect student’s rights and personal safety. Such measures include, but are not limited to: modification of Mason living arrangements, academic accommodations, interim suspension from campus pending a hearing, and reporting to the police department.

**Reporting Sexual Assaults:**

If you have been the victim of a sexual assault, you are not alone. There are people and organizations within the Mason Community here to support you and retaliation for reporting is strictly prohibited. We encourage you to report sexual assault to Mason Police. After speaking with a specially trained officer, a criminal investigation can begin with your consent. Mason will also vigorously address sexual assault, harassment, or misconduct when committed by a Mason student or employee.

Reporting and support resources include:

- Title IX Coordinator - For more information on filing a Title IX complaint, visit http://integrity.gmu.edu/compliance/titleIX.cfm or contact Herbertia Gilmore, (703) 993-8730, hwillia9@gmu.edu.
- Wellness, Alcohol, and Violence Education and Services (WAVES) – (703) 993-9999; http://waves.gmu.edu
- University Life – (703) 993-8760; http://ulife.gmu.edu/
- Housing and Residence Life – (703) 993-2720; http://housing.gmu.edu/
- Intercollegiate Athletics – (703) 993-3222; http://gomason.com/
- Dean of Students – (703) 993-2884; http://deanofstudents.gmu.edu/
- Office of Student Conduct – (703) 993-6209; http://studentconduct.gmu.edu/
- Employee Relations – (703) 993-3878; http://hr.gmu.edu/emp_relations/

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to share this information with other members of the community, and are asked to be aware of their surroundings, report suspicious activity to police and/or the other reporting options listed above.

**Why am I receiving this notification?** Mason is dedicated to promoting a safe and secure environment for learning,
living, working or visiting. This notification is part of our efforts to prevent and solve crimes and is in compliance with the “Timely Warning” provision of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Police and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998. Mason's Annual Security and Fire Report is available at: http://police.gmu.edu/annual-security-report/.