To the George Mason University Community,

Mason Police is giving notice of a recently reported sexual assault (rape) that may pose a serious or continuing threat to campus safety:

- On Saturday, September 3rd, 2016, at 6:35 AM, a female student reported that she was sexually assaulted at approximately 3:00 AM on September 3rd, 2016 in the female restroom in the main lobby of Commonwealth Hall by a male suspect (Non-Mason) whom the victim had recently met on campus.

- The suspect is described as a dark-complexioned male, approximately 5 feet 6 inches tall, black hair with small braids on top of head and shaved sides, black chin beard, a blue soccer style shirt with a white collar, black pants, and white and black shoes.

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

Additionally, Mason Police provides a 24/7 safety escort service for anyone who feels unsafe when walking across campus. Please call (703) 993-2810 to request a safety escort.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE RISK REDUCTION

Mason Police reminds members of the Mason community of the following information to help reduce the possibility of victimization and to enhance opportunities to deliver assistance (Note: the following information is general in nature and does not relate to any specific incident):

- Always seek verbal, sober, and clear consent before a sexual act. 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."
- If you're not sure that you're getting a clear, enthusiastic "yes" from your partner, it is your responsibility to ask.
- You cannot assume that you have consent because someone is not physically resisting or verbally refusing sexual contact.
- Consent is not to be inferred from silence, passivity, or a lack of resistance.
- Unreasonably pressuring or coercing someone into engaging in sexual activity is sexual assault. If you are ever in a situation on campus where you are unsure or

scared, call Mason Police immediately at (703)993-2810 or 9-1-1 (for Mason Korea, call 1-1-9).

- 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.
- 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 ingested.

George Mason University's policy on sexual misconduct can be found online at http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/sexual-harassment-policy.

REPORTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS

Members of the Mason community are encouraged to report all crimes and suspicious persons or incidents, however minor, to **Mason Police immediately at (703) 993-2810 or 9-1-1 (for Mason Korea, call 1-1-9).**

ON-CAMPUS <u>CONFIDENTIAL</u> RESOURCES AND SERVICES

Options for seeking support *without* putting the University on notice to investigate the incident:

- ***Student Support and Advocacy Center (formally Wellness, Alcohol, and Violence Education and Services):** Provides students impacted by sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking with a confidential space to receive support and discuss reporting options and living and academic accommodations. During business hours call (703) 993-3686, for the 24-Hour Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Crisis Line call (703) 380-1434, http://ssac.gmu.edu
- **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS):** During business hours call (703) 993-2380, during non-business hours or life-threatening emergencies call Mason Police at (703) 993-2810 or 9-1-1, http://caps.gmu.edu
- ***Student Health Services:** During business hours call (703) 993-2831, during non-business hours call the free after-hours nurse (703) 993-2831, during emergencies call 9-1-1, http://shs.gmu.edu
- ***Mason Korea Health Services / Sexual Offense Services:** During business hours call 032-626-0553, for the 24-hour Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Crisis Line call 032-626-1366, during emergencies call 1-1-9, http://www.igc.or.kr/en/campus/health.do
- ***Office of the Ombudsman:** Call (703)993-3306, http://ombudsman.gmu.edu/index.cfm

** Certain incidents that occur on or near campus are recorded for federal statistics purposes **without** any identifying information (e.g., names, initials, contact information, etc.).*

ON-CAMPUS <u>NON-CONFIDENTIAL</u> RESOURCES AND SERVICES

Options for seeking support *and* putting the University on notice to investigate the incident:

- **Title IX Coordinator:** Protects any person from sex-based discrimination, including sexual violence. Call (703)-993-8730 or email cde@gmu.edu,http://integrity.gmu.edu/compliance/titleIX.cfm
- **Office of Student Conduct:** Call (703) 993-6209, http://studentconduct.gmu.edu
- **Office of Housing & Residential Life:** Call (703) 993-2720, http://housing.gmu.edu
- **Employee Relations:** Call (703) 993-3878, http://hr.gmu.edu/emp_relations

OFF-CAMPUS CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES

- **Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline:** Call 24 hour hotline/helpline (800) 838-8238, Confidential Text Messaging: (804) 793-9999, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- **Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN):** Call 24 hour hotline/helpline (800) 656-HOPE (4673), https://www.rainn.org

This notification is in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998 (The Clery Act). For more information on the Clery Act, visit http://police.gmu.edu/clery-act-reporting/.