



University Police Department

University Police Department (UPD) - Crime Advisory

Crime Advisory messages are part of the university's commitment to provide campus-area crime information in compliance with the Timely Warning requirement within the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act or, Clery Act, as it is commonly known.

Incident Date & Time:

Sunday, November 7, between the hours of 04:30 am and 06:30 am

Incident Type:

Aggravated Sexual Assault

Location/Address:

St. Edward's University Apartments, 520 Woodward Street, Austin, TX 78704

Suspect Information:

White or Hispanic male, athletic build, shaggy hair, light blue tee shirt with navy blue flannel shirt with an unknown white emblem on top, brown shoes

Incident:

On Wednesday, November 10, 2021, UPD received a report that on Sunday, November 7, 2021 between the hours of 04:30 am and 06:30 am, an unknown male entered an apartment at the Hilltopper Heights Apartments and sexually assaulted a student inside. It is unknown how the suspect gained entry into the apartment. UPD searched the apartment and surrounding area and were unable to locate anyone matching the description given at the time.

Prevention/Safety Tips

UPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist all members of the university community.

- Report criminal incidents and suspicious activities/individuals immediately to law enforcement by calling 512-448-8444 (On Campus) or 9-1-1 (Off Campus).
- Always keep your residence secure by locking all doors and windows.
- If possible, avoid walking alone and/or stay with known acquaintances until you arrive safely home.
- Download the [Topper Safe app](#) and use Friend Walk as an alternative.
- Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.
- If someone bothers you, do not be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!
- Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, and entryways.

- If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting close to the individual or vehicle
- If a vehicle appears to be following you, turn and walk in the opposite direction. You should go to a location where other people are and get assistance.
- Always try to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Never provide an unknown individual access to a secured building on campus.
- Seek support if you are experiencing anxiety or feel like you have been triggered in some way. Contact your resident assistant if you live on campus.
- Hilltopper Helpline: Licensed counselors will be available 24/7/365 to provide immediate support for student concerns and refer any student who needs regular counseling to the HCC. Call 833-434-1217 to access the helpline.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the University PoliceDepartment at (512) 448-8444 or email us at campus.safety@stedwards.edu