



**Campus
Public
Safety**

CRIME ALERT

Sexual Battery

Content warning: This warning addresses a report of sexual assault. Visit the [Title IX website](#) for resources available on and off campus.

Campus Safety received a report of a sexual battery on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 which occurred at 6:30 PM. The victim was walking on the sidewalk between Horticulture and the Old Chemistry Building. A male subject riding a BMX style rode next to the victim and grabbed the victim's buttocks with his hand. The suspect was described as being in his early 20's, curly dark brown hair, thin build, wearing a black or dark blue hoodie and a dark colored backpack. Suspect was last seen riding his bike northbound through parking Lot H.

The purpose of this warning is to aid in the prevention of similar crimes, heighten your awareness, and to enable you to make informed decisions and take action to help increase your personal safety.

SAFETY TIPS

- If you are in immediate DANGER, call the Costa Mesa Police Department at 911, or Campus Public Safety at (714) 432-5555.
- No action or inaction by a sexual assault survivor makes that person responsible for another person's abusive or criminal conduct.
- If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, there are time-sensitive decisions to make about preventing sexually transmitted infections, preventing pregnancy, and collecting physical evidence.
- If you start to feel concerned about a person or situation, trust your feelings and try to remove yourself as quickly as possible from the potential threat, even if it is someone you know, and it feels awkward to do so.
- Help us keep our campus community safe. If you witness a potentially harmful situation and it is safe for you to intervene, speak up about the behavior, get help from someone else, or take an indirect approach to de-escalate the situation. Visit [Green Dot Bystander Intervention](#).

RESOURCES

- Orange Coast College's Title IX Office supports students, will explain rights and options, and offer/implement supportive measures. For more information visit the [Title IX Office website](#) or contact (714) 432-5930.
- Orange Coast College's Mental Health Services provides confidential counseling and support to students. Contact (714) 432-5808 to schedule an appointment.
- Campus Public Safety Department Escort program is available to anyone by calling (714) 432-5017. This is a free service provided to members of the OCC community as a safe alternative to walking alone on campus at night.
- [Waymakers](#) is available to provide 24-hour crisis and referral services. Contact (714) 957-2737 or (949) 831-9110.