IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE TIMELY AND ACCURATE INFORMATION TO OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY MEMBERS, THE FOLLOWING FACTS ARE PROVIDED:

**CAMPUS INCIDENT**

**Rape**

Residence Hall, west side of campus

The UT Police Department received a Campus Security Authority (CSA) report on April 11, 2015 of a rape that occurred earlier that morning. A female reported a male non-stranger raped her in a residence hall room. This incident was reported through a CSA Incident Reporting Form.

The victim advised she did not wish to file a police report at this time, and the exact location of the incident will be withheld to protect the victim’s identity.

**Safety Tips:**

- 75-80% of sexual assaults are committed by a non-stranger, classmate, friend, partner, or (ex) partner (Krebs, et al., 2007). Never assume that you cannot be assaulted by someone because of your relationship with them.
- Familiarize yourself with the blue phones in case you have to use one.

To get involved in making UT safer for everyone become an active bystander- visit [http://volunteersspeakup.utk.edu](http://volunteersspeakup.utk.edu) and learn how you can “Speak UP!” for your volunteer community #VOLSHELPVOLS

**Consent:**

The university’s interim policy on sexual misconduct and relationship violence defines “consent” as the knowing and voluntary communication, through words and/or conduct, of an agreement to engage in a particular act, including without limitation a particular act of sexual contact or sexual intercourse. More information on this policy can be found at [http://sexualassault.utk.edu](http://sexualassault.utk.edu)

Consent is never implied by a person’s attire, reputation, consumption of alcohol or drugs, previous consent to sexual acts, or your relationship to the person. Sexual assault is never the victim’s fault. The only person responsible for sexual misconduct is the perpetrator.

If you engage in sexual activity, be sure you understand your partner's limits, and communicate your own limits clearly. Don't engage in sexual activities without affirmative consent from your partner.

Even if you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you are still responsible for obtaining consent from the other person before initiating sexual contact.

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