Campus Response to Nov. 7 Sexual Assault, Resources Available, Safety Tips

UC San Diego police, the Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention Resource Center (SARC), Housing, and Student Affairs are working together in the wake of a sexual assault Friday, Nov. 7, of a female resident of the university’s Mesa Residential Apartment Complex.

Campus police have released a composite sketch and description of the attacker, who entered woman's apartment through an open front door: he was described an unshaven white male, between 20 and 30 years old, armed with a knife and he had a backpack. The woman said the attacker was wearing a ball cap, a white Chargers T-shirt and jeans.

UCSD Police detectives have received more than 50 tips from the community. They are investigating the crime and aggressively following up with all leads. If you have any relevant information, please call (858) 534-4359. Updates on the status of the investigation will be posted on Blink and TritonLink.

Crimes like this have ripple effects on the entire UC San Diego community: Our innermost sense of safety is shaken and some students, faculty and staff feel nervous, anxious, or have difficulty focusing on work or studies. Some may not want to hear any news, focusing solely on studies or work. Even sleeping or eating habits can be affected. All of these reactions are normal and most will subside in a short period of time. You are encouraged to use the support that is here on campus.

Campus Resources
UCSD Police emergency 911 non emergency 534-4357
CSO Escort 534-WALK (available to everyone at UCSD) 6:00 p.m. -1:30 a.m. After 1:30 a.m., Residential Security Officers (RSO) will provide escort.

Self Defense Classes - additional classes will soon be scheduled. Please check Blink and TritonLink

Emotional Support
For students
Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC) 858-534-5793
Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) 858-534-3755

For staff and faculty
Faculty & Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) 858-534-5523.

Safety Tips
-Be aware of your surroundings. Trust your instincts. If you notice anything "odd" or "strange" immediately phone the UCSD Police Department at (858) 534-HELP or 911 from any campus land line.

-Lock your doors.

-Use campus escort resources (CSOs/RSOs) or walk in pairs

-Get to know your neighbors. This is an opportunity to build community. Do you know your neighbors? If something were to happen, do you have their phone numbers? Sit down and get to know each other and come up with a safety plan. A close-knit community is one of the best defense strategies.