



DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
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Timely Notification

“Possible Threat to the Community”

Harrisonburg Police Department Case 2013-084307

In compliance with the “Timely Notice” provisions of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, the James Madison University Police Department is giving notice of an incident considered to be a serious or continuing threat to the campus community

A report of an alleged sexual assault was received third party by the JMU Police Department on November 19th, 2013. The victim consented to speaking with police and stated that she had attended a party on 11/16/2013 in the 600 Block of Walnut Lane. She stated that in the early morning hours of 11/17/2013, she became separated from her friends and was led upstairs by an unidentified male to a bedroom where she was subsequently sexually assaulted.

Further investigation in regard to this incident will be handled by Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD #2013-084307).

Anyone with information on this incident should contact the Harrisonburg Police Department at Crime Solvers 540-574-5050 or text “HPD,” plus the tip to 274637 (CRIMES) The James Madison University Police Department can be contacted at 540-568-6911; or in person at the James Madison University Police Department at Anthony Seeger Hall; or by e-mail to publicsafety@jmu.edu

JMU wants to encourage everyone in the JMU Community to exercise good crime prevention strategies.

- Be wary of anyone who does not respect your boundaries, including boundaries with alcohol.
- Be careful when inviting someone into your home, or going to someone else's home.
- Trust your instincts. If a situation makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, do what you need to do to get elsewhere. Don't worry about what others may think or try to be polite so as not to offend others. Your safety is top priority. Be forceful and firm.
- If things start to get out of hand, be loud in protesting, leave, and go for help. Do not wait for things to get better. If it feels uncomfortable, leave quickly.
- If you feel you are being pressured, you probably are, and you need to respond. If a situation feels bad, or you start to get nervous about the way your date is acting, confront the person immediately or leave as quickly as possible.
- Listen carefully to what the other person is saying. Always get permission, regardless of how long you have known or dated someone.
- Never assume you know what your partner wants. Do not assume you both want the same degree of intimacy.
- Intoxication is not a legal defense. You are responsible for your actions, whether you are sober or not.

A poster version of this message suitable for bulletin boards and any follow-up information regarding this incident will be posted at <http://www.jmu.edu/pubsafety/IncidentListings.shtml>.

Thank You and Stay Safe!

