Information on sexual misconduct

The University of Missouri Police Department received a report of sexual misconduct Friday afternoon in Ellis Library.

According to the report, a man approached the victim at about 3:30 p.m. at the northeast corner of the second floor of Ellis Library, pulled down his pants and began to masturbate. The victim told him to stop and was preparing to leave when the suspect began walking away.

The suspect is described as a black male in his mid- to late-20s with a mustache and stubble. He was wearing a black T-shirt and cargo shorts.

The case remains under investigation.

If you have any information regarding this sexual offense, please contact MU police at (573) 882-7201, or call CrimeStoppers at (573) 875-TIPS (8477) to remain anonymous.

The MU Police Department suggests the following tips to minimize your risk of being the victim of a crime:

- Always trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy or sense something is wrong, do what you can to get out of that situation.
- Have a companion or a safe means of getting home, i.e., a trusted friend, taxi or STRIPES if available. The MU Police Department is available to provide safety escorts on campus 24 hours a day. Call (573) 882-7201. These escorts are not vehicle escorts and are provided by an unarmed Security Officer who will walk with you to your destination.
- Sex offenses are treated with the greatest seriousness on our campus; criminal and/or severe disciplinary action can be taken. If a criminal case is brought, we will support you as much as possible as you pursue it.
- Consider taking a R.A.D. self-defense class through MUPD.
- Mizzou now offers Rave Guardian, which turns any smartphone into a personal safety device. Learn more by visiting mualert.missouri.edu.
- Other crime prevention tips can be found on the MUPD website.


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