



Nov. 1, 2020

### **Crime Notification – sexual misconduct (fondling)**

At about 7:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, the Columbia Police Department received a report that an individual near the corner of Hitt and Locust streets was approached by a subject who grabbed the individual's breasts. The subject is described as a black male in his 20s with stubble facial hair and wearing a yellow zip-up hoodie, black shirt and black sweatpants.

The subject fled west toward Hitt Street.

The University of Missouri Police Department was notified of the incident because of its close proximity to the MU campus.

Anyone with information regarding this offense is encouraged to CPD at 311 or call CrimeStoppers at 573-875-TIPS (8477) to remain anonymous. If it is an emergency, call 911.

This information is provided to the community in an effort to keep the community informed of crimes on campus. MUPD encourages all victims of crime to report any incident so they may receive assistance, counseling and help. Reports to police can also help MUPD apprehend the suspect and provide accurate crime statistics to the community.

While individuals can do everything correctly and still be the victim of a crime, MUPD has posted several tips, covering various safety topics to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of a crime that can be reviewed and printed at: <http://mupolice.com/mupd/safetytips>

The MU Police Department offers the following general safety tips:

- Individuals should always trust their instincts. If an individual feels uneasy or senses something is wrong, they should do what they can to get out of the 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 individuals to their destination.
- Consider taking a [R.A.D. Basic Self Defense](#) class through MUPD.
- Walk with others or make arrangements to leave a destination with others.
- Check in with a friend or family member and let them know that you are leaving/arriving so they are aware of any plans.
- Other crime prevention tips can be found on the [MUPD website](#).

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