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**UPDATE of Crime Notification – sexual assault**

The University of Missouri Police Department has identified and interviewed the suspect involved with the report of a sexual assault during the early morning hours of Friday, Sept. 24. It has been determined the incident did not occur on campus.

MUPD continues to investigate the incident.

Anyone with information regarding this offense is encouraged to call MUPD at 573-882-7201 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](http://mupolice.com/mupd/safetytips)

The MU Police Department offers the following general safety tips:

- Use the buddy system to keep an eye on friends and make sure everyone returns home safely.
- 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](http://mupolice.com/mupd/safetytips).

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