

University of Oregon Police Department

Campus Crime Alert 2017-11-13

***What is this notice?** Campus Crime Alerts are released by the University of Oregon Police Department when certain crimes are reported on or near campus property, and in compliance with federal law. These timely warnings provide information about campus safety situations, and allow campus community members to take precautions for personal safety. All crimes should be reported as soon as possible to local law enforcement.*

Please note this message may contain information that some may find upsetting.

Eugene Police have shared information about a sexual assault that was reported on November 12 at the boat ramp in Alton Baker Park north of the main University of Oregon campus. Paths through that area of the park are heavily used by students and employees, and the area is within the UO's Clery Act-reportable area.

Eugene Police Investigating Sexual Assault at Alton Baker Boat Ramp (EPD Case 17-19163)

Eugene Police are investigating report of a sexual assault involving a female victim in her 30s at the Alton Baker Park boat ramp around 10:50 a.m., November 12, 2017. Police did an extensive area search for the suspect, were unable to locate the suspect and are issuing a personal safety advisory.

The suspect is reported to have come up behind the woman, who was wearing earphones and was unable to hear his approach. She reports he punched her and then sexually assaulted her before leaving the scene.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 30s, 6'4" tall or taller, medium build, with shaggy brown hair. He was last seen wearing a brown hooded sweatshirt and brown vest, similar to a fishing vest with a lot of pockets. The woman was taken to a local hospital where she was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

If anyone has suspect information, they are asked to contact the non-emergency line at 541-682-5111.

SAFETY TIPS FROM UOPD

No action or inaction by a crime survivor makes that person responsible for his or her victimization. Perpetrators are responsible for crimes and their effects. The following suggestions may help reduce the possibility of experiencing such a crime, or may improve opportunities to receive prompt assistance.

- It is a crime to intentionally touch someone against his or her will, regardless of the situation.
- Bystanders should try to be aware of their surroundings, and if there are signs of a person in distress, bystanders should make themselves known and offer assistance if it is safe to do so, and/or seek immediate help from police or security personnel.
- Every person and situation is different; survivors must decide for themselves what actions or responses are safest in any situation. If someone attempts to touch you against your will, you have the right to yell "NO" loudly, or do whatever is necessary to get the person to let go, and flee to a safe place and seek help. When safe, try to remember as much as possible about the person's appearance and behavior. Regardless of what happens during an incident, you have the right to report the crime and to receive services and accommodations.
- Assaults by strangers are far less common than assaults by people known to survivors. Self-defense classes can prepare people to deter or escape an assault, and have benefits for improved awareness and confidence. Credit courses are available from the Physical Education department (http://uocatalog.uoregon.edu/pe_rec/#courseinventory) and from UOPD and SAPP (<http://police.uoregon.edu/content/self-defense>).
- Students may use UO Safe Ride (541-346-RIDE ext. 2), call a taxicab, or contact UOPD for an on-campus escort (541-346-2919).
- For emergencies or if you see a crime being committed, call 9-1-1. To report suspicious, illegal or unusual activity on campus, call UOPD at 541-346-2919.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR SURVIVORS OF CRIME

- Survivors have a right to report crimes to police and have crimes investigated and/or prosecuted to the fullest extent possible.
- Call 541-346-SAFE at any time or visit safe.uoregon.edu to learn about options and resources.

- For students, a range of support services are available through the Office of the Dean of Students, 541-346-3216; uodos@uoregon.edu.
- For students, personal counseling and other support services are available through the University Counseling and Testing Center, 541-346-3227 (available 24 hours); counseling.uoregon.edu/dnn.
- For students, medical and sexual assault examination services are available at University Health Center, 541-346-2770; healthcenter.uoregon.edu.
- For employees, the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity, 541-346-3123, and Office of Human Resources, 541-346-3159, can assist in connecting to resources.
- Other community resources available are Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS), 541-343-7277 (24 hour crisis line) or 541-484-9791, Womenspace, 541-485-8232 or 541-485-6513 (24 hour crisis line), and White Bird Clinic Counseling, 541-342-8255 541-687-4000 (24 hour crisis line).