HSC CRIME ALERT

ALERT #: TW2018-006

REPORTED OFFENSE: RAPE

INCIDENT: DPS received a report from LAPD Hollenbeck Division that a female not affiliated with the university reported that she was raped by a male adult at a house near campus. The location where the crime occurred was empty and had been boarded up prior to demolition. The reporting party was unable to provide a description of the perpetrator or the location where she encountered him prior to the crime.

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 04-21-18, 1:00 AM to 3:45 AM

LOCATION: 1440 Playground St, Los Angeles, California, 90032

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION: Male adult, no further description

SUSPECT VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: None seen

If you are in immediate danger, call the LAPD at 9-1-1 or DPS at (213) 740-4321.

If you have any information about this crime, immediately call the Department of Public Safety at (213) 740-4321 or the LAPD Hollenbeck Division Detectives (323) 342-8900.

MESSAGE FROM USC AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

This *Timely Warning* is intended to warn the university community when a criminal incident occurs and represents a serious or continuing threat to students and employees. The purpose of this warning is to aid in the prevention of similar crimes by alerting the community about the incident so they may make informed decisions about their personal safety.

The University of Southern California condemns sexual assault in any form. If you are the victim of or witness to a crime, please report it immediately to **DPS-UPC Emergency line at (213) 740-4321** or for **DPS-HSC Emergency (323) 442-1000**. Provide the location where the incident occurred and a description of the perpetrator(s) to the best of your ability. You may also report the crime to the **LAPD Hollenbeck Division at (323) 342-8900**.

The following safety information is offered to reduce the possibility of experiencing a crime, improve opportunities to receive prompt assistance, and to increase everyone’s ability to be an informed bystander or witness.

- Travel in pairs or with trusted companions, especially at night, or in remote areas.
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- If someone is intoxicated or incapacitated call for a taxi or other car service, and make sure a trusted friend safely accompanies the incapacitated friend to their door.
- Report suspicious persons or activity immediately to DPS-UPC at (213)740-4321 or for DPS-HSC Emergency at (323) 442-1000.
- **Be a good witness**: Describe exactly what you observed with as many details as possible. Give complete descriptions such as sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, tattoos, and scars. Try to get the license plate if a vehicle is involved.
- FOR MORE TIPS – visit: [http://dps.usc.edu/safety-tips/](http://dps.usc.edu/safety-tips/)
- **Get a Ride**: If you work, study or take classes at night, you don’t have to walk to your car or home alone. USC’s Campus Cruiser will take you to your destination. If wait periods exceed 15 minutes, calls are automatically outsourced to **Lyft**, which you can take for free, ensuring you’ll never have to wait long for a safe ride home.
- **Blue light emergency phones** are located throughout the University Park and Health Sciences campuses. The phones are connected to the USC Department of Public Safety’s 24-hour communications center and identify the phone location even if the caller is unable to talk. The phones can be used to request an escort, report suspicious activity, and to report crimes.
- **Security Ambassadors**: In addition to DPS officers who patrol a 2.5 mile radius around USC’s University Park Campus, USC contracts with “security ambassadors” to patrol street corners in neighborhoods close to UPC and at locations at HSC. This security force wears bright yellow and cardinal colored jackets so you can easily spot them. If you’re off campus and in need of assistance, look for a Security Ambassador.
- **TrojansAlert**: Ensure you are registered for USC’s emergency notification system [TrojansAlert](https://trojansalert.usc.edu/register.php) to allow university officials to contact you during an emergency by sending messages via text message and email at [https://trojansalert.usc.edu/register.php](https://trojansalert.usc.edu/register.php).
- **LiveSafe**: To immediately contact DPS or 911 with a push of a button on your mobile phone, download the **Trojan Mobile Safety APP “LIVESAFE”** from Google Play or the Apple iTunes Store. For more information regarding LIVESAFE visit [http://usc.edu/mobilesafety](http://usc.edu/mobilesafety)

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED**

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, there are time-sensitive decisions to make about preventing sexually transmitted infections, preventing pregnancy and collecting physical evidence.
Persons who have been sexually assaulted are advised to immediately go to a safe location. Preserve all physical evidence of the assault, even if you are unsure whether you want to report the crime. Seek medical care as soon as possible.

Contact USC’s Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention and Services (RSVP), (formerly known as Center for Women and Men) at (213) 740-4900 (Press “O” for after hours) for medical resources, emotional support and advocacy.

**For immediate medical support after an assault**, you can visit Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center or LAC+USC Violence Intervention Program. *Please note that a RSVP counselor can accompany you, and it is recommended you speak with a confidential counselor at RSVP to guide you through this process (213) 740-4900.* There is no cost associated with services by SMRTC and evidence can be preserved indefinitely.

**Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center (SMTRC)-UCLA Medical Center**
1250 Sixteenth Street
Santa Monica, California 90404
(310) 319-4000 (Press option #3)
http://www.911rape.org

**For immediate medical support after an assault**, you can also visit The LAC+USC Violence Intervention Forensic Clinic at the address below:

**LAC+USC Violence Intervention Program Forensic Clinic**
2010 Zonal Avenue, Building BP-61
Los Angeles, CA 90033
(323) 409-4490
http://www.violenceinterventionprogram.org/

Patient advocates and mental health professionals are available 24 hours at this location. A forensic examination can take 3 to 4 hours to complete.

**Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault**

If you believe you are the victim of Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault it is important for you to have blood and urine tests as soon as possible to determine the presence of drugs. Delayed reporting and the passage of time can significantly impact the ability of testing to detect the presence of drugs.

Symptoms of Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault may include drowsiness, confusion, sudden physical weakness especially in the limps, impaired motor skills, inability to walk or talk, weakness, impaired memory, reduced inhibitions, unconsciousness and or a strange sensation of being paralyzed. The Violence Intervention Program Sexual Assault Center at LAC+USC and or
the Rape Treatment Center Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center can provide necessary medical services and testing for the presence of drugs.

RESOURCES AT USC

Engemann Student Health Center  
(213) 740-9355

Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention and Services (RSVP)  
(Formerly known as Center for Women and Men)  
(213) 740-4900

USC Counseling Center  
(213) 740-7711 for students  
(213) 743-2770 for faculty and staff

USC’s Title IX Coordinator (gender-based harm)  
(213) 740-5086

Student Judicial Affairs (non-gender-based harm)  
(213) 821-7373

RESOURCES OUTSIDE OF USC

Rape Treatment Center Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center  
1250 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404  
http://www.911rape.org  
(424) 259-6000 or  
(310) 319-4000

YWCA Los Angeles  
24 Hour Sexual Assault Hotline  
(877) Y-HELPS-U  
(877) 943-5778  
http://www.ywcagla.org/what-we-do/programs/sexual-assault/

National Center for Victims of Crime  
Office on Violence Against Women  
http://www.justice.gov/ovw  
(202) 467-8700

Peace Over Violence  
1015 Wilshire Blvd., #200, Los Angeles, CA 90017  
www.peaceoverviolence.org  
(213) 955-9090

If you have any questions regarding this crime alert, please contact the Watch Commander in the Department of Public Safety at (213) 740-5523.