

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

OFFICIAL NOTICE

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SECURITY ALERT – Rape

It was reported to Vanderbilt Police that a rape occurred sometime during the early morning hours of Tuesday, August 22, 2006. The victim, a student, reports that she went to an off campus party at approximately 10:00 pm on Monday August 21. After arriving at the party, the victim states that she does not remember anything until she woke up the next morning in her residence hall room.

A witness report of the victim entering her room with an unknown male subject, various types of physical evidence, and the memory loss of the victim indicates that unwanted sexual activity possibly occurred. The victim does not wish to prosecute at this time. However after consultation with the victim, she would like other students at Vanderbilt to be aware of the following risk reduction tips:

- Do not drink from common container sources such as punch bowls
- Do not drink beverages that you did not open yourself
- Do not share or exchange drinks with anyone
- Do not leave your drink unattended even to go to the bathroom, make a phone call, or go dancing
- Do not drink anything that tastes unusual

***IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION RELATING TO THESE OR SIMILAR INCIDENTS,
PLEASE CALL VU POLICE AT 32(2-2745)***

***IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS,
CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT 74-CRIME (742-7463).***

PLEASE REMEMBER

* Stay alert and TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS -- If you feel uneasy, leave.

* On or off campus, walk/jog/bike in groups of three or more in well-lighted and well-traveled areas; otherwise, after dark on campus, use the **ESCORT SERVICE**. (NOTE: Before parking on campus after dark, stop by the Police & Security Building at 2800 Vanderbilt Place or the ER. Ask for an officer to meet & escort you from your parking space.)

* Scan the area before you exit or approach your vehicle/building and while you proceed between sites.

* Have your key ready in hand to quickly access the door of your vehicle/building.

* If strangers approach, maintain a distance and be observant; if they are in a vehicle, get the license plate number.

* Lock doors and windows of your room/building. Don't prop open doors, thwart security measures, or let strangers in.

* Avoid going to ATM's alone, after dark, or if suspicious persons are nearby.

* Think ahead about what you would do under dire circumstances. Try to get a description.

**** REPORT SUSPICIOUS PERSONS, VEHICLES, OR ACTIVITIES IMMEDIATELY! ****

**ON CAMPUS, DIAL 1-1911 OR USE A BLUE LIGHT PHONE!
(NOTE: from a cell phone, call 421-1911!)**

