SEXUAL ASSAULTS

On Monday, August 17th, 2020, NAUPD was made aware of two separate alleged sexual assaults that occurred on August 11th, 2020, in the same on-campus residence hall. In both cases, the victims told the alleged suspect that they were not interested in sexual activity but the suspect persisted in the unwanted advances. Common behavior in these cases includes the alleged suspect coming over to the victims’ dorm rooms to hang out or do homework and making unwanted sexual advances and sexual contact without the victim’s explicit consent. The suspect is known to NAUPD and an investigation is ongoing at this time.

Myths & Facts About Sexual Assault

**MYTH:** Sexual assault usually occurs between strangers.
**FACT:** By some estimates, over 70% of sexual assault victims know their attackers. The suspect may be a relative, classmate, friend, co-worker, date or other acquaintance. In college, acquaintance or non-stranger sexual assault accounts for nearly 90% of all completed or attempted sexual assaults on campus.

**MYTH:** Anyone who gets drunk or takes drugs is partially responsible for being sexually assaulted.
**FACT:** Being drunk does not mean a person is asking to be assaulted. Forcing sexual contact on another person without consent is against the law. Someone who is passed out, unconscious, or incapacitated because of drugs or alcohol is unable to give consent. Sex without consent is sexual assault. Sexual assault is never the victim’s fault.

If you choose to use a dating application to meet others, following these tips could help a relationship begin on a healthy note:

- Request that your first or first couple of “dates” are in public places and not at either of your homes or friend’s homes.
- Discuss boundaries and mutually permissible and unacceptable activity early and certainly before any consumption of alcohol or other substances.

If you feel like you may be a victim of Sexual Assault or are not sure if your experiences constitute a crime, you can contact NAUPD for assistance. There are numerous resources available to you, including anonymous reporting, that can be found here: [https://in.nau.edu/title-ix/resources](https://in.nau.edu/title-ix/resources)