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# NAU POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Emergency:**  
**(928) 523-3000 or 911**

**Silent Witness**  
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**Non-Emergency**  
**928-523-3611**

## **SEXUAL ASSAULTS**

On Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, NAUPD was made aware of two separate alleged sexual assaults that occurred on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**It is never a victim's responsibility to prevent an assault, but the following tips can help when at a bar, a party, or just out with friends.**

- If you plan to drink alcohol, be aware of your surroundings and the people you are with. If you feel sleepy or feel you may pass out, ask a trusted and sober friend for a ride home.
- Avoid leaving your drink unattended, and don't accept drinks from people you don't know or trust. If your drink ever tastes, looks or smells strange, don't drink it.
- Use a buddy system if you go out with your friends; keep an eye on them and have them keep an eye on you.
- If you suspect you may have been drugged, particularly if you feel "way too intoxicated" or extremely drowsy, get help immediately.

**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>**