

NAU Timely Warning / Crime Alert (CA# 2021-03)

SEXUAL ASSAULT

On Tuesday, April 13, 2021, NAUPD was made aware of an alleged sexual assault that occurred at an unknown date, approximately two weeks prior to the report date, between 8:00pm and 2:00 am. The alleged sexual assault occurred in an on-campus residence hall. The victim met the alleged suspect using the Tinder, Snapchat dating application. Behavior in this case included the alleged suspect coming over to the victim's dorm room to, "Hang out" and making unwanted sexual advances and sexual contact without the victim's explicit consent. In this case it is unknown if drugs or alcohol were involved. The alleged suspect introduced himself with the first name of "Jonathan", which may or may not be the alleged suspect's a real name. The alleged suspect was described as a 6 foot white male, with brown hair, arm/leg tattoos, and in his 20's.

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. 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.