



Buff Alert Timely Warning Notification: Fondling

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The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) is a federal law that requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses. A requirement of this law is timely notification to the campus community of certain crimes in a manner that will aid in the prevention of similar crimes.

FONDLING

On September 27, 2021 a school resource officer (SRO) contacted the University Police Department (UPD) requesting to speak with a UPD Detective. The SRO reported having several juvenile students relate events that occurred while attending a football game at Buffalo Stadium on the West Texas A&M University campus on Saturday, September 25, 2021. The students told the SRO they had been touched inappropriately by a juvenile student attending the game.

The UPD criminal investigations division is in contact with parents and will follow up with the appropriate process for working with juveniles. Following the investigation, the case will be submitted to the Randall County District Attorney.

This reported incident does not appear to involve any WTAMU student or employee.

- Talk to your kids about inappropriate touching and safe resources for your child.
- Unwanted touching such as groping and touching of private body parts is inappropriate touching.
- Children cannot give permission or consent to sexual contact.
- Learn how to recognize indicators of abuse and how to respond to a child's outcry.
- Bystanders play a critical role in the prevention of sexual violence. Make the choice to intervene, speak up, or do something about it.
- Online resource: STOP IT NOW! <https://www.stopitnow.org/ohc-content/clearing-up-common-misunderstandings>
- Local resource: The Bridge Children's Advocacy Center <https://www.bridgecac.org/>