Crime Alert
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At approximately 10 p.m. on 7/11/15, UPD was called to Cross Hall to meet with a summer camp supervisor and two 12 year old female campers reporting an older adult male subject touched them as they swam and played in the pool area of the Virgil Henson Activities Center earlier in the evening around 7 p.m. The white male is not known to campers or pool staff and he is described as being approximately 30 years of age, short brown hair (possibly buzzed top or balding), with a circular tattoo on his right shoulder.

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics 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. Simple assault is not a Clery Act reportable crime; however the University Police Department and West Texas A&M University wishes to provide this information to the community for safety purposes.

UPD is working diligently to determine the identification of the male subject and increased safety measures in public areas of this building with additional officer visibility. Camp staff has been made aware of the incident and campers have been reminded to immediately report to a camp counselor or University staff member any behavior they feel uncomfortable with.

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WTAMU and the University Police strongly encourage everyone to use good judgment and be an active player in your own safety. Review the following prevention strategies related to sexual harassment and take advantage of this opportunity to teach your children about:

- **Boundaries** – recognize and identify personal space and when someone violates that space
- **Privacy** – Our bodies have private parts and it is okay to say “NO” to touches
- **Walk away** – If an adult makes you feel uncomfortable with their words or actions – walk away
- **Tell someone!** – Help children recognize people that are safe to talk to