Crime Alert UPDATE
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On 2/17/15 at approximately 4 p.m., the University Police Department arrested Terrell Maurice Mason, 21 year old black male of Canyon for Burglary of Habitation, a felony of the second degree. A second degree felony’s punishment may be imprisonment for any term of not more than 20 years or less than two years and in addition to imprisonment, may be fined not to exceed $10,000. Mason was arrested without incident and booked into the Randall County Jail. Mason is a student at WTAMU but did not reside on campus.

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On 2/15/15 at approximately 3:16 a.m., UPD made contact with a female resident of Stafford Hall that reported an ex-boyfriend had entered her room without consent and attempted to sexually assault her. The ex-boyfriend is also a WTAMU student. Resources were made available to the female student and the Title IX Coordinator was contacted.

The University Police Department is continuing to make contact with all individuals involved, determine how the subject entered Stafford Hall after hours and had access to the room. Following this determination and further investigation, UPD will provide the case to the Randall County D.A. and WTAMU Student Judicial. Please contact UPD with additional information about this incident or a similar incident at 806-651-2300.

WTAMU and the University Police strongly encourage everyone to use good judgment and be an active player in their own safety. While none of us ever expect to find ourselves in a compromising situation, we can’t
control the actions of others especially when they are intoxicated. Please review the following prevention strategies for the safety of yourself and others:

• Keep your door locked at all times, only allowing access to those you invite
• Do not allow someone to “piggyback” entrance (follow you through a door) to a restricted area
• Call the police immediately if you hear someone in distress. Call 911 or UPD at 806-651-2300.