Timely Warning Notification: Domestic Violence and Stalking

May 15, 2023

CONTACT: Chief Shawn Burns, University Police Department 806-651-2300

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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND STALKING

On May 15, 2023, the University was made aware of multiple incidents of harassment both on and off-campus that meet the elements of domestic violence and stalking per the Clery Act. The incidents were reported to have occurred at McCaslin Apartments and in Amarillo between April 2023 and continuing in May 2023.

Crime victim rights and options, and domestic violence information were provided. Title IX is aware of the reported incidents.

****

A few signs of an abusive relationship or stalking include:

- Assaultive abuse may be physical, emotional and/or verbal.
- Looks at you or acts in ways that scare you.
- Makes unwanted phone calls, texts, or social media posts.
- Assaultive abuse may include damaging property, throwing objects, punching walls, kicking doors, etc.
- Bystanders play a critical role in the prevention of sexual and relationship violence. Make the choice to intervene, speak up, or do something about it.
- Believe someone who discloses sexual assault, abusive behavior, or experience with stalking.
- Watch out for friends and fellow students or employees who look like they could be in trouble or need help. Ask if they are OK.
- Stalking Resource Center [https://victimsofcrime.org/stalking-resource-center/]