Crime Alert

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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.

On 9/28/16 the University Police Department was made aware through a third party report of an alleged sexual assault and alcohol violations involving minors that were reported to have occurred in the 2500 Block of 4th Avenue at a *Clery Act* defined geographical *Noncampus* location.

Noncampus locations are defined in the *Clery Act* as:

- Any building or property that is not part of the core campus, is owned or controlled by the institution, used in support of the institutions educational purpose and is frequently used by students or
- Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution.

The reported alleged incidents occurred on 9/27/16. The reporting person and all others involved are WT students.

The WTAMU Title IX Coordinator and local law enforcement have been notified of the third party report and University and area resources are being made available to the victim.

Sexual assault is never the fault of the victim. While nothing is failsafe, here are some suggestions everyone may want to consider:

- Make sure you have consent. Consent is a clear and freely given yes, not the absence of a no.
- *People who are incapacitated by alcohol or drugs cannot give consent.*
- Practice being assertive about your boundaries.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy or sense something is wrong, call for assistance.
- Be active in supporting a safe and respectful community. If you see others engaging in disrespectful or inappropriate actions, speak up and get involved, or contact someone else to assist.