

**CRIME ALERT
SEXUAL BATTERY****ALERT #:** 2018-011

INCIDENT: A student entered the right front passenger seat of what she believed to be a ride share car parked near the 901 Bar and Grill and requested a ride home. As the operator began to drive the student home, he began touching her inappropriately. The student screamed at the driver who then pulled to the curb on 27th Street and let her out of the car.

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: October 28, 2018, 1:45 AM

LOCATION: Figueroa Street north of 29th Street

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION: Male, White, 23-30 years of age, Blond/Brown hair, facial stubble, short sleeved shirt.

SUSPECT VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: Black Toyota Camry

If you are in immediate danger, call the LAPD at 9-1-1 or DPS at (213) 740-4321.

MESSAGE FROM USC'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

If you have information relevant to the crime(s) reflected in this alert immediately call the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for UPC at (213) 740-6000, for HSC at (323) 442-1000 or the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Southwest Division at (213) 485-6571.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) issues Crime Alerts to the university community when a criminal incident occurs in USC's patrol and response area which represents either a serious or continuing threat to the safety of USC students and employees. The purpose of this warning is to aid in the prevention of similar crimes by alerting the community about the incident so they may make informed decisions about their personal safety.

The following safety information is offered to reduce the possibility of experiencing a crime, improve opportunities to receive prompt assistance, and to increase everyone's ability to be an informed bystander or witness.

- Travel in pairs or with trusted companions, especially at night, or in remote areas.
- If someone is intoxicated or incapacitated call for a taxi or other car service, and make sure a trusted friend safely accompanies the incapacitated friend to their door.
- **USC Safe Ride Program - Get a Ride:** USC Campus Cruiser will take you to your destination from 6:00 pm to 2:45 am 7 days a week.

Request a ride through any of the following means:

- 1) Access the web request interface at usc.ridecell.com;
- 2) Use the free iPhone app available in the iTunes store, or the Android app available at: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ridecell.platform.leonidas.usc>; or
- 3) Call dispatch for UPC at (213)740-4911 or HSC at (323) 442-2100.

For more information on ride share zones visit: <https://transnet.usc.edu/index.php/campus-cruiser-program/>

USC Supplemental Safe Ride Program:

If wait periods exceed 15 minutes, calls to Campus Cruiser are automatically outsourced to Lyft, which you can take for free, ensuring you'll never have to wait long for a safe ride home.

For more information on using Lyft visit: <https://transnet.usc.edu/index.php/campus-cruiser-program/how-to-use-lyft/>.

Safety tips when using Lyft:

- 1) Again, **TRAVEL IN PAIRS:** Travel with a friend – the “safety in numbers” concept really works, especially if your judgment is impaired.
- 2) **VERIFY YOUR DRIVER AND CAR:** Once you have requested a Lyft ride, you can view the driver's rating. When your ride arrives, make sure the driver's photo, license plate number, and vehicle description match. Never take a ride you did not request or get into a car that doesn't match the details provided by the Lyft app.
- 3) **GO THE EXTRA MILE:** The Lyft app's “share your ETA” function allows you to invite friends to see your trip in real-time. The app will draft a text message you can share with friends that includes your ETA and a link to a live map that allows them to track your trip. Too much effort? Call a pal and stay on the line while you're in the car instead.

Other options for help if you need it:

- **Blue light emergency phones** are located throughout the University Park and Health Sciences campuses. The phones are connected to the USC Department of Public Safety's 24-hour communications center and identify the phone location if the caller is unable to speak. The phones can be used to request help, an escort, report suspicious activity, and to report crimes.
- **Security Ambassadors:** In addition to DPS officers who patrol a 2.5 mile radius around USC's campuses, USC contracts with “security ambassadors” to patrol street corners in nearby neighborhoods and to observe and report. This security force wears bright yellow jackets so you can easily spot them. If you're off campus and in need of assistance, look for a Security Ambassador.

- **LiveSafe APP:** To quickly make emergency one button calls to DPS or 911 on your mobile phone download the **Trojan Mobile Safety APP “LIVESAFE”** from Google Play or the Apple iTunes Store. For more information regarding LIVESAFE visit <https://dps.usc.edu/services/safety-app/>.
- **TrojansAlert:** Register for USC’s emergency notification system **TrojansAlert** to allow university officials to contact you during an emergency by sending messages via text message and email. For more information visit: <https://dps.usc.edu/services/trojans-alerts/>.
- **Be a good witness:** Describe exactly what you observed with as many details as possible. Give complete descriptions such as sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, tattoos, and scars. Try to get the license plate if a vehicle is involved.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED

Persons who have been sexually assaulted are advised to immediately go to a safe location. Preserve all physical evidence of the assault, even if you are unsure whether you want to report the crime. Seek medical care and counseling as soon as possible.

Contact USC’s Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention and Services (RSVP), (*formerly known as Center for Women and Men*) at (213) 740-4900 (Press “O” for after hours) for medical resources, emotional support and advocacy.

RESOURCES AT USC

USC Student Health

Keck Medicine of USC

(213) 740-WELL (9355)

Email: studenthealth@usc.edu

<https://studenthealth.usc.edu/about/contact/>

Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention and Services (RSVP)

(Formerly known as Center for Women and Men)

(213) 740-4900

Website: <https://studenthealth.usc.edu/rsvp/about-us/>

USC Counseling Center

(213) 740-7711 for students

After Hours care is available

(213) 743-2770 for faculty and staff

The Violence Intervention Program

VIP Forensic Urgent Care Center at LAC+USC Medical Center

2010 Zonal Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90033

(323) 409-3800

After Hours (24/7 care is available)

(323) 409-3800

Title IX Coordinator Website: http://titleix.usc.edu/	(213) 740-5086
Office of Equity & Diversity Website: http://equity.usc.edu/	(213) 740-5086 UPC (323) 442-2020 HSC
USC Support and Advocacy	(213) 821-4710
Center for Work and Family Life Website: https://employees.usc.edu/work-family-life/	(213) 821-0800

RESOURCES OUTSIDE OF USC

Rape Treatment Center Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center 1250 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404 http://www.911rape.org	(424) 259-6000 or (310) 319-4000
YWCA Greater Los Angeles 24 Hour Sexual Assault Hotline http://www.ywcagla.org/what-we-do/programs/sexual-assault/	(877) Y-HELPS-U (877) 943-5778
National Center for Victims of Crime Office on Violence Against Women http://www.justice.gov/ovw	(202) 467-8700
Peace Over Violence 1015 Wilshire Blvd., #200, Los Angeles, CA 90017 www.peaceoverviolence.org	(213) 955-9090

If you have any questions regarding this crime alert, please contact the on duty Watch Commander in the Department of Public Safety at (213) 740-5523.