

TIMELY WARNING

Simple Assault and Unlawful Restraint

December 5, 2018

This communication is prepared as part of the timely warning requirement of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act of 1990. This federal law requires a general communication to the campus community of all crimes reported to campus or local police departments that may pose a threat to the campus community. Such reports shall be provided to students and employees in a manner that is timely and that may aid in the prevention of similar occurrences.

Millersville University Police were notified during the afternoon of Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018 that a female student reported that she was assaulted as she walked across campus after a Monday evening class, at approximately 8:20 p.m. The student was walking on High School Avenue from the area of Luek Hall and Hash Building/Bassler Hall toward the general area of Gordinier Hall and the Lombardo Welcome Center, when she was approached and grabbed by a male from behind. The assault occurred in the roadway of High School Avenue, directly in front of Luzerne House. The assailant approached the student from behind and sharply pulled her head back and grabbed her around the neck causing the student to fall backward, into the roadway. The student had abrasions to her neck. The student related that when she fell, the assailant ran north toward Frederick Street. The assailant was described as an unknown white or lighter complexioned male wearing a black or very dark jacket. The student and a friend completed a Title IX report later that evening and the student agreed to meet with University Police yesterday afternoon. University Police are investigating this incident as simple assault and unlawful restraint. The Timely Warning to campus was delayed while police investigated the scene. Further information on the victim will not be shared. Please contact University Police if you saw anyone acting suspiciously or fleeing this area Monday night.

In response to this incident, Millersville University Police provides the following general information on assaults. This information is not specific to this incident. The only person responsible for violence against others is the perpetrator. Millersville University has zero tolerance for violence against others, including physical assaults, sexual assault or misconduct. There are risk factors associated with any assault, but being at risk in no way shifts responsibility for the assault to a victim. If you feel uneasy about a situation, trust your instincts and attempt to interrupt the chain of events. Being an active bystander doesn't require you to put yourself at risk. Create a distraction, involve friends or call police. Police are on campus to help you. Make a commitment to ensure everyone has a safe way home, i.e., a trusted friend or escort to walk with. Students can download the free [Millersville LiveSafe Safety App](#) to use for virtual SafeWalks both on and off campus. If you believe a crime has been committed or is in progress, call the police at 911. The Millersville University Police Department provides a safety escort from dusk to 7 a.m., available by calling 717-871-4357 or using the LiveSafe app.

Anyone with information about the assault is urged to contact Chief Pete Anders at peter.anders@millersville.edu 717-871-5972, or deputy chief Howard Bauman howard.bauman@millersville.edu 717-871-5965. Information can also be confidentially reported through the [Millersville LiveSafe Safety App](#).

This warning should remain posted on the outside of the academic and administrative buildings in this area until December 19, 2018.