From: William Lafferty  
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2016 3:02 PM  
To: Everyone  
Subject: Campus Safety Alert/Sexual Assault  
Importance: High  

Dear Campus Community Member;

We would like to inform you of a crime that has recently occurred in the campus area so you have the information you need to take the appropriate precautions. We are issuing this Campus Safety Alert in accordance with the “Timely Warning” provision of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act of 1998.

We are sending this message to heighten your awareness, to enable you to take actions which can help increase your safety, and to aid in the prevention of similar crimes. We are not including certain details in this alert so as to avoid releasing identifying information about the victim.

REPORTED OFFENSE:

It was reported to the Gettysburg College Department of Public Safety on October 21, 2016 that a student was sexually assaulted through inappropriate touching within a college recognized residential facility. The College is investigating.

SUSPECT(S):

The suspect is a student known to the victim.

CRIME CLASSIFICATION/DEFINITION:

For crime reporting purposes, this incident was classified as a Fondling.

The federal government defines **Fondling** as- The touching of the private parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

REPORTING:

DPS can be contacted by calling (717)337-6912 or (717)337-6911 for emergency purposes. Additionally; criminal incidents can be reported to the Gettysburg Borough Police by calling 911. Incidents of a non-emergency nature can be reported by completing the on-line community concern form at: [http://www.gettysburg.edu/about/offices/college_life/care/submit-a-concern/](http://www.gettysburg.edu/about/offices/college_life/care/submit-a-concern/) or by calling the DPS crime tips hotline at: (717)337-8477 (TIPS).

Gettysburg College Cares about your Safety and Wellbeing!
Sexual assault is a significant concern at college campuses across the country. Nationally, it is estimated that 20 percent of women and 6 percent of men experience sexual assault or attempted sexual assault during their time in college. Our cultural stereotype of rape is a random attack by a stranger, but that is actually quite rare.

In a study published by the Department of Justice, 82 percent of the victims were raped by someone they knew, and 18 percent were raped by a stranger.

Coercion and Force

Sexual assault and rape are sometimes accomplished by physical force, but most often this is not the case, especially between people who know each other. Sexual assault is most often accomplished through coercion, manipulation, incapacitation, and active disregard.

MYTH: Sexual assault usually occurs between strangers.
FACT: By some estimates, over 70% of rape victims know their attackers. The rapist may be a relative, classmate, friend, co-worker, date or other acquaintance. In college acquaintance or non-stranger rape accounts for nearly 90% of all completed or attempted rapes on campus.

The Gettysburg College community is a strong one, and we have a collective responsibility to support people who have experienced sexual assault and/or to step in if we are in a position to prevent sexual assault. For more information on sexual violence prevention or Title IX, reporting sexual violence or misconduct and how to support survivors please visit Violence Prevention and Title IX. Additional sexual assault prevention and awareness resources can be found by visiting Sexual Assault Resources and the Sexual Misconduct Resource Site.

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