



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER
POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

RELEASED: OCT. 31, 2008

DATE/TIME: OCT. 31, 2008 APPROXIMATELY 12:45 AM TO 1:00 AM

SUBJECT: SEXUAL ASSAULT – **CAMPUS SAFETY ALERT**
BIAS MOTIVATED INCIDENT – **CAMPUS SAFETY ALERT**

LOCATION: 1800 ARAPAHOE AVE. – CITY OF BOULDER (SEXUAL ASSAULT)
10TH AND MARINE ST. – CITY OF BOULDER (BIAS MOTIVATED INCIDENT)

CASE NO.: BOULDER POLICE

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The Boulder Police Department is investigating a sexual assault that occurred early today in an alley in the area of 1800 Arapahoe Ave. This location is near campus and close to residence hall and family housing properties.

Quoting from the Boulder Police news release:

Boulder Police are investigating a report of a sexual assault that occurred at about 12:45 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 31, somewhere along an alley that runs parallel to the north of Arapahoe Avenue. A 20-year-old female victim said she was walking home from a party when four men approached her. Two held her down while two sexually assaulted her.

The woman ran home. She was found there at about 1:40 a.m. by friends who discovered her distraught and crying on the porch. The friends called police. The victim was taken to St. Anthony's North Hospital, where she underwent a Sexual Assault Nurse Examination.

The exact location of the assault remains unclear, although the victim has indicated she believes it may have occurred in the 1800 block of the alley.

The victim told investigators that the four suspects had darker skin and may have been Hispanic. All had dark, "slicked back" hair and appeared to be in their 20s. One of the men who assaulted her had a beard.

The case remains under investigation.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact Detective Colleen Wilcox at 303-441-3330. Those with information who wish to remain anonymous should contact Boulder County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or 1-800-444-3776. Tips can also be submitted via the Crime Stoppers Web site at www.crimeshurt.com. Those submitting tips through Crime Stoppers that lead to the arrest and filing of charges on a suspect(s) may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000 from Boulder County Crime Stoppers.

In an unrelated second case, the Boulder Police Department is also investigating a Bias Motivated Incident that occurred at about 1 AM today at the corner of 10th and Marine Streets. From the Boulder Police news release:

Boulder Police are investigating a reported bias-motivated assault and felony menacing that occurred in the area of 10th and Marine streets at about 1 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 31. A 22-year-old male victim reported that he was assaulted, threatened with a knife and forced to say "I love America" by an unknown suspect.

The victim, who is Asian-American, told investigators he was walking down the street with some friends, singing a song from the movie Team America. The victim and his friends were confronted by a group of four men. One of the suspects came up to the victim and began challenging him. According to the victim and witnesses, the suspect said something to the effect of, "Do you think you are an American?" and called the victim a "Chinaman." He punched the victim in the face and pulled out a knife. While holding the knife to the victim's throat, he punched him again and forced him to say that he loves America. The suspect and his friends then ran off, headed north.

The suspect has been described as a white male, about 19 or 20, with short blonde hair. He was about 5 feet, 10 inches, and was wearing a white tank-top T-shirt and black pants. One of the men with the suspects was described as a white male with a "very long goatee." That man was wearing a long sleeved grey sweatshirt.

The case remains under investigation.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact Detective Kristi Peterson at 303-441-3330. Those with information who wish to remain anonymous should contact Boulder County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or 1-800-444-3776. Tips can also be submitted via the Crime Stoppers Web site at www.crimeshurt.com. Those submitting tips through Crime Stoppers that lead to the arrest and filing of charges on a suspect(s) may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000 from Boulder County Crime Stoppers.

University Police caution all students, faculty, staff and visitors to be aware of their surroundings and to practice good personal safety habits, including:

- Always travel in groups rather than alone
- Use the CU Night Ride / Night Walk services
- Be aware of the campus and Hill blue light emergency phone locations and use the phones if needed
- Carry a safety whistle (free at UCPD) and use it in an emergency to summon help and to attract the attention of others who may be in the vicinity

For individuals who may desire counseling services, the University provides confidential victim assistance services for all members of the university community. Victim assistance may be reached at (303) 492-8855 or on the web at:

<http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/victimassistance/index.html>

Campus leaders issued the following statements in reference to the two incidents:

SUBJECT: Statements From the Combined CU-Boulder Leadership in Response to two Criminal Incidents in Boulder on Oct. 30

Dear members of the campus community:

On Thursday night, Oct. 30, two crimes of great concern to the campus community occurred. One was a sexual assault committed against a Boulder woman, the other was a bias-motivated incident against a recent CU graduate of Asian descent. Both crimes occurred off campus. The following statements were issued by the combined CU leadership concerning these incidents:

CU-Boulder Chancellor G.P. "Bud" Peterson

The assault against a recent CU graduate of Asian descent and three current CU students, and a horrific sexual assault against a Boulder woman last night, offend the sensibilities and values of our entire campus community.

Such violence, whether perpetrated against women, or against people because of their ethnicity, has no place in any community, but particularly damages a community of learning. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families, and we pledge the

full support of the University of Colorado in bringing the perpetrators to justice. Should they be found to be CU students, they will face not only criminal penalties, but the harshest penalties possible under our Student Code of Conduct.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Julie Wong

An attack on any member of our CU family, or against any person in our community, whether affiliated with CU or not, is an attack against all of us collectively. This hate crime underscores the importance of our messages of inclusion, diversity and acceptance. We urge any witnesses to these events to come forward immediately, and we are making the full resources of our Office of Victim Assistance available to anyone in the campus community.

Contact Victim Assistance at 303-492-8855 or at <http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/victimassistance>.

CU's Office of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is also an excellent resource at 303-492-6766.

Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement Sallye McKee

These acts of violence remind us of our need to remain committed to peace, justice and human safety in our community. Unfortunately, no community is free of violence, racism and sexism. These events compel us to improve our efforts to build better and safer communities. Anyone who wishes to join us in these community-building efforts should contact the Office of Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement (ODECE) at 303-735-1332 or at <http://www.colorado.edu/cu-diversity>.

Dustin Farivar, Victoria Garcia and Ryan Bieble, tri-executives of the University of Colorado Student Government (UCSU)

CU students in the Boulder community condemn these crimes and demand their perpetrators be brought to justice. Every student has a right to expect a safe community in which to learn. UCSU and CU students are committed to creating a better, safer and more welcoming community. We stand against violence toward women. We stand against ethnically motivated violence, and we stand with our fellow students across Colorado as champions for inclusive, tolerant and safe learning communities. Students impacted by these crimes are invited to visit with the staff of the Center for Multicultural Affairs (CMA), which is working in partnership with UCSU to provide student support. For more information, contact UCSU at 303-492-7473 or the CMA Web site at <http://www.colorado.edu/cu-diversity/cma/> .

CU officials advise anyone with information on either of the two crimes to contact Boulder Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or 1-800-444-3776, or at the Crime Stoppers Web site at <http://www.crimeshurt.com>. Also, given the proximity of these incidents to the Halloween weekend, the campus leadership reminds all students to celebrate safely and wisely, and to take responsibility for one another in accordance with the Colorado Creed and the Student Code of Conduct.

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