

## **UCPD Crime Alert: Sexual Assault Occurred On Campus**

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at about 4:15 pm, UCPD officers investigated a report of a sexual battery near the Winston Chung Hall, between Winston Chung and the Physics Building. The victim reported to officers that at about 3:00 pm on the same day, a man unknown to her approached her from behind and struck her buttocks with his hand. The suspect continued walking from the area and had no further contact with the victim. Officers checked the extended area for the suspect but were unable to locate anyone matching the description given by the victim.

At about 4:00 pm on the same day, the Riverside Police Department responded to two similar calls. The first happened near the intersection of Blaine Street and Rustin Avenue. A male, also unknown to the victim, struck the victim on the buttocks with his hand. Officers completed a crime report for that incident. The second incident happened at the University Towers parking structure, located at 3500 Iowa Avenue (an off campus location but geographically close to the campus). In that incident a suspect with a similar description as given in the previous crimes followed the victim from her car in the structure into the UV Towers. As she approached her residence, the suspect asked to perform a sexual act with her. The victim quickly entered her residence and locked the door. The suspect left the area and was not seen again. The victim did not know the suspect and had never seen him prior to this encounter.

The suspect descriptions in all three of these incidents are similar and it is possible that the same person committed all three acts. Officers from both agencies have been given the suspect's description and made aware of the circumstances of each of the crimes. We encourage all UCR community members to remain aware of their surroundings and report anything suspicious immediately to UCPD dispatch at 951-827-5222.

For more information on this Crime Alert, including an update on suspect descriptions, please go to: <http://police.ucr.edu>. The posting can be found under the section titled: **On Campus Crime Alerts - Handled by UCPD**.

The suspect in all three incidents is generally described as follows:

White male adult, about 20 to 30 years old. He has short, brown hair and is about 5 feet, 5 inches tall. He was seen wearing dark-colored athletic shorts and a black or dark-green t-shirt.