

# BLUE LIGHT PATROL

## Did You Know?

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Did you know that campus crime, as at any other university, is rampant here on the campus of Fayetteville State University? Probably not because predominately black universities often times tend to shy away from these negative aspects. And, being that Fayetteville State University is predominately black, we also tend to diligently strive to convey what the black community wants to hear, and to deviate from the various stereotypes that are given to black universities across the nation. As constituents and residents, however, shouldn't we not be deprived of the negative occurrences in our surroundings? After all, that is why public and private campuses have provisions as to what aspects of campus life need to be cov-

dents of sexual assault that occurred on various college campuses. Although these things may seem very common sense to you, take into consideration that not everyone is aware of them. Pay careful attention to these tips. Don't be the next victim.

### How to Avoid Sexual Assault

- Walk with friends after dark or call the FSU Police at 486-1341 for an escort.
- Lock car doors when driving alone
- Don't duplicate dorm room keys
- Don't prop open exterior dorm doors
- Make your limits clear before you get into a sexual situation
- Be wary of using alcohol

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ered. And, one of the most significant aspects that all universities sometimes avoid is that hovering and gloomy aspect of crime. But, the Campus Security Act of 1990 requires that the journalists covering campus crime have access to campus crime statistics. In that way, faculty, staff, and students can no longer deviate from making informed decisions concerning our own personal safety. Although an institution of higher learning, we are still sometimes subjected to the harshness of reality. "Experts estimate that one in five of all students will be raped while in college and that one in six of all students will be victimized by some crime during their college life." (Covering Campus Crime)

Because sexual assault occurs so frequently on college campuses, below is a list of how to avoid sexual assault and what to do if you observe a sexual assault or are sexually assaulted. Also listed are inci-

- and drugs
- Watch how much your date drinks
- Avoid secluded places for dates
- Have your own transportation, use public transportation, or double date
- Assert yourself, insist on being treated with respect
- Be direct, don't give in to any demands hoping to appease a date
- Trust your intuition, leave if you feel uneasy
- Make sure someone knows where you are going on a date and when you will return
- Be cautious of men who view women as sex objects, think women should serve men's needs, treat you like property, act bossy, or insist on making all the decisions

### While You Are Being Assaulted

- Go with your instincts. Run, kick, scream, bite, or hit, depending upon the situation

- If you believe your life is in danger, don't resist

### If You Observe A Sexual Assault

- Call the FSU Police at 486-1295
- Assist the victim in the following advice in the "After the Assault" section
- Be prepared to give police officers accurate description of your observations

### After The Assault

- Call the FSU Police at 486-1295
- You do not have to press charges. In the heat of the moment, it is hard to make decision, especially if you have been assaulted by an acquaintance or a date.
- FSU Police suggest that you make a blind report to preserve your right to press charges later, after you have had chance to think about it and talked it over with trained counselors.
- If you have been raped, evidence will need to be collected. Do not wash or change clothes. FSU Police will take you to Cape Fear Medical Center. We will need to keep your clothes for evidence so you should take a change of clothes with you. The evidence will be collected by a doctor. The doctor will also talk to you about treatment to prevent pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases. You may want to start AIDS testing. A Rape Crisis Volunteer will join us at the hospital. Call Rape Crisis 486-RAPE
- Talk over your individual circumstances. The Rape Crisis Volunteer can explain the court process and help you decide if you want to press charges. Call The Counseling Center

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486-1203

- Counseling Center personnel can also help you decide if you want to press charges and provide counseling to help you deal with your feelings about what has happened.

Call Student Affairs 486-1201

Student Affairs personnel can provide advice on whether to pursue a remedy through the FSU disciplinary process. Follow through on counseling with Rape Crisis of the Counseling Center whether you press charges or not.

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