UCI Police Department has received a report of a sexual assault. A fondling occurred between 3:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. on August 4 in an on-campus student housing community. The suspect, known to the victim and affiliated with UCI, is described as a white male, 5 feet 6 inches, approximately 170-180 pounds, short brown hair, brown eyes, tan complexion and muscular build.

Sexual assault occurs when physical sexual activity is engaged in without the consent of the other person. Consent is an affirmative, unambiguous, and conscious decision by each participant to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity. Consent cannot be given when a person is incapacitated. Silence does not equal consent. Consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual encounter and can be revoked at any time. Once consent is withdrawn, the sexual activity must stop immediately.

No action or inaction by a crime survivor makes that person responsible for his or her victimization. Perpetrators are responsible for crimes and their effects. It is a crime to intentionally touch someone against his or her will, regardless of the situation. If a situation seems suspicious or dangerous, leave immediately, get to a safe place and contact police. If you think someone is at risk of being sexually assaulted, consider it an emergency and seek help.

Information about sexual assaults can be found at [www.soinfo.uci.edu/](http://www.soinfo.uci.edu/). A list of resources and support services for getting help can be found at [http://www.soinfo.uci.edu/gethelpnow.html](http://www.soinfo.uci.edu/gethelpnow.html).

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In emergency situations or during crimes in progress, dial 9-1-1 or use an emergency phone available on campus. The UCI Police Department Safety Escort program is available to anyone on campus at (949) 824-SAFE (7233).

UCI Crime Alerts are released by the UCI Police Department when certain crimes are reported on or near UCI property, in compliance with federal law. These Crime Alerts provide information about campus safety situations, and allow campus community members to take precautions for personal safety.