

CRIME



ALERT

December 9, 2021

***Attempted Sexual Assault – 18th St/Minnesota St
Suspect Arrested***

Content Warning: This Crime Alert includes descriptions of sexual violence.

To promote campus safety and provide timely information to the campus community, the following information is being provided so you can make informed decisions about your safety. All community members are encouraged to care for their needs and well-being while reading this message, especially those who have been impacted by similar forms of violence.

The UCSF CARE Advocate provides free and confidential support to students, staff, and faculty who have experienced sexual violence, including sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking. Please contact the UCSF CARE Advocate at (415) 502-8802 any time to explore your rights, options, and support. CARE website: <https://careadvocate.ucsf.edu/>

Earlier this morning, at approximately 7:21 a.m., the UCSF Police Department received a report of an attempted sexual assault from the San Francisco Police Department. The incident occurred at Minnesota St and 18th St, near the Mission Bay Campus, along the breezeway adjacent to 590 Minnesota St. An adult male approached, grabbed, and attempted to assault the survivor. A passerby in the area witnessed the incident and called police, at which time the suspect fled the area on foot. Officers search the nearby area, located the suspect, and placed the suspect under arrest.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact UCSF PD at (415) 476-1414 in reference to case number 2021-1413.

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Personal Safety Tips:

Suspects look for crimes of opportunity and certain safety measures can be followed to minimize your chances of becoming a victim. These are:

Sexual Violence

- If you have been sexually assaulted, seek immediate medical attention. It is important for a survivor to preserve and collect evidence, so that the full range of options, including a successful criminal prosecution, remains available.
- Survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking have many rights and options. For a full explanation of resources and reporting options, including confidential and anonymous reporting, please see the following link: https://police.ucsf.edu/system/files/ucsf_rights_options_resources_web.pdf
- **Bystander Intervention:** Bystanders can play a critical role in the prevention of sexual and relationship violence. If you or someone else is in immediate danger, contact the police. This could be when a person is yelling at or being physically abusive towards another and it is not safe for you to interrupt.
 - Watch out for your friends and fellow students/employees. If you see someone who looks like they could be in trouble or need help, ask if they are OK.
 - Confront people who seclude, hit on, attempt to make out with, or in any other way engage in sexual activity with people who are incapacitated.
 - Speak up when someone discusses plans to take sexual advantage of another person.
 - Believe someone who discloses sexual assault, abusive behavior, or experience with stalking.

Domestic Abuse:

- If you are in a relationship with someone who is threatening to harm you or is physically, emotionally, or verbally abusing you, you may be experiencing domestic violence. You can contact the Confidential CARE Advocate at (415) 502-8802 or contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-SAFE (799-7233) to be referred directly to help in your community, including emergency services and shelters. UCSFPD is empowered to act based on available evidence if you would like assistance.

Crime Prevention/Risk Reduction:

- When you go to a social gathering, go with a group of friends. Arrive together, check in with each other throughout the evening, and leave together. Knowing where you are and who is around you may help you to find a way out of a bad situation.

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- Don't leave your drink unattended while talking, dancing, using the restroom, or making a phone call. If you've left your drink alone, just get a new one. Don't accept drinks from people you don't know or trust. If you choose to accept a drink, go with the person to the bar to order it, watch it being poured, and carry it yourself. At parties, don't drink from the punch bowls or other large, common open containers.
- Travel in groups whenever possible, especially at night.
- Stay alert to your surroundings. Avoid headphone use when walking alone.
- Avoid poorly lit or deserted areas when walking at night.
- If you are faced with demands for your money or property, especially from an armed subject, comply with their demands for the sake of your safety.
- Make use of the shuttle and escort services.
- Do not stop in response to conversation starters (i.e., asking for time or directions).
- If you feel you are being followed, go into an open business, and ask for help.
- Keep emergency numbers pre-programmed into your cell phone. (See important phone numbers listed below.)

Help fight crime by reporting persons acting in a suspicious manner and/or suspicious activity to UCSF PD immediately—race, gender, religious affiliation, and persons struggling with homelessness are NOT considered suspicious. For emergency or in-progress events, dial 911 when using on-campus land lines and (415) 476-6911 when using cell phones. For non-emergency calls, please dial (415) 476-1414.

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