

Date: March 8, 2024

To: Campus Community

From: Nader Oweis, Chief of Police

Re: TIMELY WARNING CRIME BULLETIN: Unlawful Violation of a Person's Liberty (236 PC), Sexual Battery 243.4(a) PC, Indecent Exposure 314.1 PC, Disorderly Conduct 647(a) PC (Case #24-044)

This Timely Warning Bulletin is being issued in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act. The purpose is to provide preventative information to the campus community to aid members from becoming the victim of a similar crime.

This timely warning includes an incident of sexual violence that may be distressing for some readers. This bulletin is being issued to provide important safety information. If this content is difficult to read, please seek support from a trusted resource.

REPORTED CRIME: The Sonoma State University Police Department is investigating an incident that occurred on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., whereby a suspect unlawfully restrained and touched another person in Stevenson Hall.

IF YOU KNOW SOMETHING: Anyone with information that might assist with the investigation is urged to call Sonoma State University Police at 707-664-4444.

Sonoma State University Police reminds the campus community of the following safety tips:

- Immediately and promptly report any suspected crime, suspicious persons, or activities to the Sonoma State University Police Department by calling 911 or the non-emergency line at 707-664-4444, or by utilizing one of the many Blue Light Phones.
- Call Sonoma State University Police Department for an on-campus safety escort.
- If you believe that you or someone else is in an unsafe situation, please do not delay calling 911 or seeking assistance from others.
- Be alert to your surroundings. Your actions as an active bystander can help prevent crimes from occurring within our campus community.

You are not at fault for any harm done to you. The above safety tips are not intended to imply otherwise.

Affirmative consent is required for any type of sexual activity. The definition of affirmative consent means an informed, affirmative, conscious decision by each participant to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity. Affirmative consent must be voluntary and given without coercion, force, threats, or intimidation. Affirmative consent can be withdrawn or revoked.

SUPPORT RESOURCES: [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) are available for any student seeking support at (707) 664-2153. A [Confidential Advocate](#) is also available at 707-664-2698. Our Employee Assistance Program, [LifeMatters](#) by Empathia, is available as a support resource for staff and faculty at 1 (800) 367-7474.

Crimes reportable under the Clery Act are defined on the [Clery Compliance website](#).