

Date: April 30, 2022

TO: Campus community

FR: Nader Oweis, Chief of Police

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RE: TIMELY WARNING CRIME BULLETIN: Sexual Assault (Case 22-76)

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

REPORTED CRIME:

The Sonoma State Police Department and the [Office for the Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination](#) (OPHD) have received complaints against an individual for alleged sexual assault, including rape and fondling, occurring in private residences on campus.

The individual has been removed from campus in accordance with policy. Information identifying the individual is being withheld unless legal processes allow for the release of this information.

If you know something: Anyone with information that might assist with the ongoing investigation is urged to call Sonoma State Police Department at (707) 664-4444 and/or OPHD at (707) 664-4140.

Support Resources: Anyone impacted by interpersonal and/or sexual violence is encouraged to utilize campus resources:

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

Additional resources may also be available through the following local organizations:

- [Verity \(Sonoma County's Rape Crisis Center\)](#) is available as a support resource for students, staff and faculty.
 - For immediate crisis: (707) 545-7273 (operational 24/7)
 - Other inquiries: (707) 545-7270
- [YWCA Sonoma County](#) is available as a support resource for students, staff and faculty.
 - Domestic Violence Crisis Hotline: (707) 546-1234
 - Other inquiries: (707) 546-9922

The Sonoma State University Police Department reminds the campus community of the following:

- Immediately and promptly report any suspected crime, suspicious persons or activities on campus to the Sonoma State Police Department by calling 911 or the non-emergency line at 707-664-4444 or by utilizing one of the many Blue Light Phones on campus.
- Call Sonoma State 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.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Your actions may help prevent others from becoming victims.
- If something or someone makes you uneasy, tell someone, tell them to leave, avoid the person and/or leave the area.

None of the above reminders is in any way intended to imply that fault or responsibility for interpersonal or sexual violence lies with the survivor.

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 at any time.