CRIME ALERT
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Sexual Assault/Possible Use of Date Rape Drug

ALERT #: 2014-006

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: April 13, 2014

LOCATION: 3300 Block of Figueroa (off campus)

REPORTED OFFENSE: The complainant (USC student) reported that she was sexually assaulted after she had been out drinking with friends and may have been given a “date rape” drug which led to her incapacitation.

DATE RAPE DRUGS:
The phenomenon of date rape drugs being used to facilitate sexual assault has been widely reported across the country. Although no confirmed cases have previously been reported on-campus, the Department of Public Safety urges the USC community to be alert to the possibility and to take steps to protect themselves. Date rape drugs, commonly Rohypnol, GHB, and Ketamine, can be slipped into an unsuspecting person’s drink. Rapid and severe intoxication follows, along with dramatically reduced inhibitions and memory loss. In this condition, anyone can be extremely vulnerable to sexual assault.

PREVENT SEXUAL ASSAULT:
To protect yourself, do not leave drinks unattended, do not share drinks with others and be wary of accepting drinks from people you do not know well. To be even more careful, make sure that you open and pour your own drink. It is also wise to use the buddy system while socializing – when you go out with friends, agree to keep an eye on one another and to go home together. If a friend starts to exhibit symptoms of date rape drug ingestion, seek medical help immediately. Signs to look for include: dizziness and/or nausea, memory loss, breathing or motion difficulties, and acting disproportionately intoxicated relative to the amount of alcohol consumed.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THESE CRIMES, CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AT (213) 740-4321 OR LAPD SOUTHWEST AREA AT (213) 485-6571
Refer to USC Incident #1401414

TAKE A STAND AGAINST CRIME

- Always walk on busy streets - Avoid walking alone. Use Campus Cruiser (213)740-4911.
- If you observe a crime in progress, STAY CALM AND CALL DPS (213)740-4321.
- If you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Any suspicious persons or activities should be reported to DPS or LAPD immediately
- BE A GOOD WITNESS. Describe exactly what you observed with as many details as possible. Give complete descriptions such as sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, tattoos, and scars. Try to get the license plate if a vehicle is involved.
- Report Crime ANONYMOUSLY via Trojans Care For Trojans https://sait.usc.edu/ca/tc4t/reporting.asp