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AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, STUDENTS AND CAMPUS POLICE ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LATEST STRING OF CAMPUS CRIME EVENTS. DENA GUDAITIS REPORTS...

STUDENTS WALKING AROUND AMERICAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AT NIGHT WILL NEED TO BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL THESE DAYS. EARLIER THIS WEEK, 4 SEPARATE SEXUAL ADVANCE INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED TO THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT. 3 OF THE INCIDENTS OCCURRED WITHIN 45 MINUTES NEAR RESIDENCE HALLS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CAMPUS. THE WOMEN WHO FILED INCIDENT REPORTS SAID THE MALE SUSPECT GRABBED THEM FROM BEHIND, WHISPERED OFFENSIVE COMMENTS IN THEIR EARS, AND THEN RAN FROM THE SCENE.

A FOURTH INCIDENT, WHICH PUBLIC SAFETY SAYS MAY BE RELATED, HAPPENED OUTSIDE THE MAIN BUILDING IN THE CENTER OF CAMPUS YESTERDAY EVENING.

TODAY, STUDENTS ON CAMPUS HAVE SIMILAR REACTIONS:

SOT: 20 Collage of student voices

"I think security needs to be brought to a higher level to prevent these things from happening.

It really puts into reality that we have to be careful around campus. A lot of us, are just like, oh it's a small campus, we don't really need to.

I think it's unfortunate. The school needs to do more to protect the students. I don't think there's enough being done. It's just not clear to me how they couldn't find the person, especially since it happened three times in the same area.”

IN A CAMPUS CRIME ALERT ISSUED THIS MORNING, PUBLIC SAFETY ENCOURAGES ANY WITNESSES WHO HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO CONTACT THE UNIVERSITY POLICE AT 202-885-3636. BACK TO YOU IN THE STUDIO---

ANCHOR: HAS PUBLIC SAFETY CAUGHT ANY ONE IN CONNECTION WITH THESE INCIDENTS?

DENA: NO. THAT'S WHY THERE'S BEEN A PUSH FOR PEOPLE TO CALL THE NUMBER THAT I JUST MENTIONED. THEY HAVE ARRESTED ANYONE IN CONNECTION WITH THESE ADVANCES.

ANCHOR: WHAT INFORMATION CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT A PROFILE OF THE SUSPECT?

DENA: THE SUSPECT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AN ASIAN OR CAUCASIAN MALE BETWEEN 5' 8 AND 5' 10 WHO WAS SEEN WEARING BAGGY CLOTHING AND POSSIBLY WEARING A BASEBALL CAP.

ANCHOR: WELL, I SURE HOPE THAT THOSE INVOLVED ARE CAUGHT.

DENA: YES, I THINK THAT THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY DESPERATELY WANTS THE SUSPECT OR SUSPECTS TO BE CAUGHT IN THIS UNFORTUNATE SITUATION.

ANCHOR: THANKS, DENA.