SAFETY ALERT

2018-004

This safety alert is to inform the university community about an assault that occurred off campus involving a non-affiliate as the victim.

On Saturday, August 25, at approximately 3:30 am, the victim was walking along Fifth Ave. approaching Wilkins Ave. when she was attacked from behind. The suspect was riding a bicycle as he approached the victim. He got off the bike and tackled her to the ground. The victim screamed and witnesses and a passing ambulance immediately assisted her. The suspect fled on foot across Wilkins into a wooded area. He left the bicycle behind.

The suspect is described as a male, 21-24 years of age, brown hair with a “buzz” cut, grey t-shirt, and light colored blue jeans.

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police and University of Pittsburgh Police are investigating the incident.

General Prevention and Safety Tips:

- Stay alert to your surroundings at all times.
- Stay close to friends and do not interact with strangers.
- Do not approach suspicious persons or vehicles.
- Use the University Shuttle/Escort Service when possible. (http://www.cmu.edu/police/shuttleandescort/)
- Report any suspicious incidents, persons or vehicles to CMU Police at 412-268-2323, or off campus to the Pittsburgh Police at 911.

Chief Tom Ogden
University Police