SAFETY NOTICE
Department of Public Safety

**Incident Type**  Sexual Assault (Campus)
**Date**  June 9, 2015
**Location**  Residence Hall
**Description:**
ETSU Public Safety received an initial report on June 3, 2015 of a sexual assault that occurred on May 27, 2015 at a residence hall. A female non-student reported that a male student acquaintance sexually assaulted her in his residence hall room. ETSU Public Safety is investigating the matter and no charges have been filed at this time.

*The exact location of the incident may be withheld to protect the complainant’s identity.*

**SAFETY TIPS and RESOURCES:**
* Alcohol and other drugs are often used to create vulnerability to sexual assault. Studies show a high correlation between acquaintance/non stranger rape and the use of alcohol and other drugs.
* Be an active bystander. When you observe conflict or unacceptable behavior, take steps to make a difference: assess the situation, evaluate options, and select a strategy for response. That could include reporting suspicious persons or behavior to Public Safety or the local police.
* Visit the ETSU Violence Free website (http://www.etsu.edu/violencefree/) to learn about reporting options, counseling services, and other campus resources.

**CONSENT DEFINITION:**
An informed decision, freely given, made through mutually understandable words or actions that indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. Consent cannot be given by an individual who is asleep; unconscious; or mentally or physically incapacitated, either through the effect of drugs or alcohol or for any other reason; or, is under duress, threat, coercion, or force. Past consent does not imply future consent. Silence or an absence of resistance does not imply consent. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. (for more information visit: http://www.etsu.edu/violencefree/)

**ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THIS INCIDENT SHOULD CONTACT**
ETSU Public Safety  *  423-439-4480  *  http://www.etsu.edu/dps/

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**
*What is a safety notice?* The purpose of an ETSU safety notice is to increase awareness of criminal activity, to provide safety tips that might prevent similar crimes, and to assist you in making informed decisions about personal safety.

*What is Clery Act?* The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Acts require ETSU and all universities to notify the campus community of certain criminal activity that occurs on ETSU owned or controlled properties. For more information on the Clery Act visit http://clerycenter.org/summary-jeanne-clery-act


*Are there other resources about campus emergencies or personal safety?* The ETSU Safety website contains additional resources and can be accessed at: www.etsu.edu/safety/