



The following is sent on behalf of URI Department of Public Safety.

September 21, 2017

The University of Rhode Island Police Department is assisting the Rhode Island State Police in an investigation of an alleged sexual assault involving a weapon. Police said the incident occurred off campus last Friday evening, Sept. 15, and was reported to URI Police late Monday night. The victim left an event on campus in a vehicle and picked up a pedestrian close to campus. The male suspect (the pedestrian) displayed a weapon and sexually assaulted the victim, who was the driver of the car.

URI Police urge community members to be aware of their surroundings at all times. Do not stop to offer rides to individuals you do not know. If you see suspicious activity on campus, call <u>401-874-2121</u> immediately. For off-campus activity, call 911. If you are walking alone late at night, use our Safe Ride program by calling <u>401-874-7233</u>.