Minnesota State University Moorhead Public Safety

Timely Warning September 27, 2010

This warning is provided to inform and to educate the campus community of reported crimes that have happened on our campus and to comply with the Federal requirements of the Clery Act.

The MSUM Public Safety Department was notified that the Moorhead Police are investigating a report of a sexual assault that allegedly occurred in the early morning hours of September 26, 2010. The information received is that a Concordia student was sexually assaulted by an acquaintance on or near a MSUM parking lot on the northwest corner of the campus. The suspect is described as a 28 year old white male, 5'5", medium build, short brown hair, close shaved beard with pierced tongue and ears. Anyone having information regarding this incident or any other criminal act in Moorhead, MN is encouraged to contact the Moorhead Police Department non-emergency number at 701-451-7660.

I want to take this time to remind the campus community that incidents such as this are not exclusive to our campus. I want to encourage all us to be aware of our surroundings and to take precautions from becoming a victim. The majority of sexual assaults on campuses occur in familiar surroundings and the suspect is usually known to the victim. Even the most aware and cautious person can be a victim, however, we can reduce our risks by:

1. Not being alone with unfamiliar or “new” friends regardless of the location

2. Any form of sex without consent is against the law

2. Walking in groups or with other people

3. Abstaining or limiting alcohol consumption

4. Letting friends and family know when you are leaving and when you arrive home safely

5. Carrying a mobile phone, flashlight, or loud audible noise maker to alert authorities

I have also attached a link to the MSUM Public Safety page, Hendrix Health Center, and the Fargo-Moorhead Rape and Abuse Crisis Center. http://www.mnstate.edu/hendrix/services/sexualassault.cfm http://www.mnstate.edu/security/patrol.cfm http://www.raccfm.com/

If for any reason you feel uncomfortable walking anywhere on our campus, contact the Public Safety office at 218-477-2449 or 2449 from a campus phone and we will provide a security escort 24 hours a day.

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