

## **Safety Alert**

### **Reported Sexual & Gender-Based Misconduct**

**Date of Incident:** 04/29-30/2023

**Description:** On 05/03/2023, Skidmore College Campus Safety received a report of a sexual assault. *The reported sexual assault was committed by a person not connected with Skidmore College. The reporting student encountered this person in a downtown bar however the sexual assault occurred in a vehicle at another downtown location. The suspect is described by the student as “a tall African American male, 37 years old with long dreads.” This alert was delayed at the request of law enforcement and the reporting student for investigative purposes. SSPD made an arrest in this case on 5/09/23, the subject is currently in Saratoga County Jail awaiting Grand Jury action.*

#### **If you have any information:**

Please contact Skidmore College Campus Safety at (518)580-5567

**Each of us is responsible for helping to create a safe environment free of all forms of harassment and assault. Therefore:**

1. Skidmore College does not tolerate sexual and gender-based misconduct (SGBM).
2. Skidmore College encourages reporting.
3. As a campus we will respond swiftly and appropriately to reports of sexual and gender-based misconduct in order to protect individuals and the campus community.
4. Skidmore College provides these alerts so that community members are aware for their own safety and the safety of others.

#### **Reporting Options**

**Students can choose to report incidents of SGBM to the Title IX Coordinator Joel Aure (518)580-5708 or Campus Safety (518)580-5566 as well as Saratoga Springs Police Department at (518)584-1800 for off-campus incidents. A report to any non-confidential campus official will initiate a notification to the Title IX Coordinator. For emergencies or immediate assistance, please call Campus Safety at 518-580-5566 or local police at 911.**

*Skidmore College strives to promote an environment where mutual respect, communication, cultural competency, understanding, and awareness are the basis for any sexual behavior or activity. Unwelcome sexual contact of any form is a violation of students' personal integrity and their right to a safe environment and therefore violates Skidmore's values.*

**Please see Skidmore's Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct (SGBM) page for more information on SGBM reporting options, rights, & resources and Affirmative Consent:**

**<http://www.skidmore.edu/sgbm>**

# Sexual & Gender-Based Misconduct Information & Support

***Affirmative Consent is a knowing, voluntary, and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity.***

## PLEASE KNOW:

- Sexual gender-based misconduct includes any sexual activity that occurs in the absence of affirmative consent.
- Most perpetrators assault someone they know. Sexual and gender-based misconduct occurs in all communities and people of all identities can be survivors.
- Responsibility lies with the perpetrator, not the survivor - no one deserves, asks for, or provokes sexual and gender-based misconduct.
- Sexual and gender-based misconduct includes sexual activity with someone who is incapacitated by alcohol and drugs, whether ingested voluntarily or unknowingly. Alcohol often is used by perpetrators to facilitate sexual and gender-based misconduct.
- As a Skidmore community member, you have the right and responsibility to step in if you are concerned for someone's safety. YOU can make a difference! For more information on how to intervene, visit <https://www.skidmore.edu/sgbm/preventing.php#bystander>.

## HELP AND SUPPORT:

### ***On-Campus Confidential Support:***

[Counseling Center](#): First Floor of Jonsson Tower; (518)580-5555

[Health Services](#): First Floor of Jonsson Tower; (518)580-5550

[Office of Religious and Spiritual Life](#): Parker Diggory; (518)580-8340

### ***On-Campus Anonymous Support:***

[Victim Advocate Liaisons](#): Department of Health Promotion, First Floor Wiecking Hall (518)580-5684

### ***Off-Campus Confidential Community Services:***

[Saratoga Hospital](#): (518)583-8313

[Wellspring \(Victim Advocates\)](#): (518)584-8188

### ***Peer to Peer Anonymous Advocacy & Support***

[Student Wellness Center](#): 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Case Center

- In-Person Hours: Generally Monday – Friday 10am to 5pm\*\*

**\*\*Check the Student Wellness Center Door for exact schedule**

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*If you or someone you know has been affected by SGBM or triggered by this alert, please reach out to the resources listed above. Support and assistance are available!*