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PRESS RELEASE

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Rape Reported near Dearing Street and Church Street

ACCPD is investigating a Rape which occurred earlier this morning in the area of Dearing Street and Church Street. According to ACCPD's initial investigation, a 22-year old female reported that she was raped by a black male with an athletic build. The suspect is about 5' 10" with a dark complexion and short hair. The suspect was wearing dark pants and a grey hoodie. The incident occurred at approximately 3:00am. The victim did not know the suspect.

This is an active and ongoing investigation and ACCPD asks anyone who believes they have information about the incident or the suspect to contact Det. Rick Dearing at 762-400-7174, Frederick.Dearing@accgov.com, or Sgt. Greg Dickson at 762-400-7070, Gregory.Dickson@accgov.com.

ACCPD encourages individuals to consider these safety tips:

- * Seek a safe ride home.
- * If walking home, stay with a group and stay in well-lit areas.
- * Always be aware of your surroundings and call 9-1-1 if you see someone or something suspicious.

If you or someone you know has been victimized by sexual assault or child abuse, call The Cottage Crisis Hotline at 1-877-363-1912.

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