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Sexual Assaults in Dallas Area Potentially Targeting Members of Delta Sigma Theta *Members Advised to Take Precautionary Measures*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Headquarters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has been notified of a series of four sexual assaults in the Dallas area that appear to involve members of the Sorority. The victims are all black females in their mid-50s to mid-60s. Certain information suggests that members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are potential targets of the suspect.

According to police, the women were all home alone when the attacks took place and the suspect indicated that he knew personal information about them. Police believe that all four assaults may have been committed by the same suspect. The suspect is described as a black male, in his late 30s to mid-40s, 5-foot-7 to 6 feet tall and weighing 250-300 lbs. He may have a thin, well-trimmed beard with a short haircut, possibly with a receding hairline or balding. The attacks took place in Plano, Coppell and Corinth between the hours of 9 p.m. and 4 a.m.

“Since receiving news of these incidents, our primary concern has been the safety of our members,” said Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre, National President of the public service organization. “While it is not yet confirmed that these victims were targeted because of their affiliation with the Sorority, we are erring on the side of caution and are advising our members in the Dallas area to take the necessary precautionary measures. We encourage members to be alert, remain aware of their surroundings and to call the police if they see anything suspicious or feel threatened.”

The Sorority is encouraging its members in the Dallas area to follow the safety precautions issued by the respective law enforcement agencies in the area until the suspect has been captured. Members in the Dallas area are advised to remove Sorority paraphernalia from their vehicles, key chains, homes and offices. They are encouraged to refrain from wearing clothing or accessories that identify them as members. Members are also reminded to be aware of their surroundings, ensure that their homes are locked and secure at all times, and avoid going out or staying home alone if possible. Additional safety precautions include removing personal

information, including day-to-day whereabouts, from Facebook, Twitter and other social media outlets.

The Sorority is cooperating with the local police departments investigating the assaults. Members of the Sorority have been in constant prayer for the victims and their families; for the safety of members in the Dallas-area; and for the speedy capture and conviction of any and all persons involved in these heinous crimes.

“Delta Sigma Theta has a strong presence and long history of service in the Dallas area and worldwide,” said Butler-McIntyre. “To think that our members are being targeted is disturbing and extremely disheartening. Until the individual responsible for these crimes is brought to justice, we will continue to remain in close communication with one another and law enforcement officials in the respective jurisdictions.”

Anyone with information regarding these incidences or the location of the suspect is advised to call the Plano Police Department Tip Line at 972-941-2148, the Corinth Police Department at 940-498-2017 or the Crime Stoppers Tip Line at 877-373-8477.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in communities. Today, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has more than 250,000 members and nearly 1,000 chapters worldwide. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to create its national programs.

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