

# SEXUAL ASSAULT

If you have been involved in a sexual assault it is recommended you do the following:

- **Tell Someone.** Talk to Student Life, a friend, relative, faculty member, resident assistant, or counselor. Do not keep it to yourself. Student Life staff, Residence hall staff and College counselors are available to provide support, refer you to appropriate persons or agencies, and inform you of your options. The following is a list of staff who can assist you:

## **Title IX Coordinator (For faculty and staff):**

Christine DeGeorge – Vice President of Human and Organizational Development

Office location: Joutras, First Floor

(941) 359-7619 [ccarnegi@ringling.edu](mailto:ccarnegi@ringling.edu)

## **Deputy Title IX Coordinator (Students):**

Dr. Tammy S. Walsh - Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students

Office location: Ulla Searing Student Center, Second Floor

(941) 359-7510 [twalsh@ringling.edu](mailto:twalsh@ringling.edu)

## **Office of Student Life Staff**

Jekeyma Robinson – Associate Dean of Students for Student Development

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Tiffany Bartlett – Coordinator of Residence Life

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(941) 309-0111 [lrust@ringling.edu](mailto:lrust@ringling.edu)

James Mitchell – Coordinator of Residence Life for Operations

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Katie Cuff – Coordinator of Student Activities and Leadership Development

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Melanie Stawkey – Coordinator of Recreation and Wellness

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**Office of Public Safety**

Office Location: Harmon Hall, First Floor  
(941) 359-7500

**Dr. John Walker—Campus Chaplain (Confidential Source)**

Office Location: Ulla Searing Student Center  
(941) 309-0200      [jwalker@ringling.edu](mailto:jwalker@ringling.edu)

**Peterson Counseling Center (Confidential Source)**

Office Location: Health Center  
(941) 893-2855

**Health Center (Confidential Source)**

Office Location: Health Center  
(941) 309-4000

The following is a list of community resources:

**SPARCC (Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center)**

2139 Main Street  
Sarasota, Florida 34237  
(941) 365-0208

You can also reach SPARCC through the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Hotline 1-800-500-1119.

**HOPE Family Services**

[www.hopefamilyservice.org](http://www.hopefamilyservice.org)  
24 Hour Help-line: 941-755-6805  
Outreach Office: 941-747-8499

**Manatee Glens Rape Crisis Services**

[www.manateeglens.org](http://www.manateeglens.org)  
Rape Crisis Hotline: 941-708-6059  
Main number: 941-782-4100

- **You are encouraged also to immediately report the offense to Public Safety (and local city police if the offense occurs off campus) to gather and preserve evidence, in case you wish to pursue criminal or civil charges. If you wait to report an offense evidence will be lost. The decision to file charges is up to you. Please be aware that information reported to any police official is public information, and is available to local media. It is, however, the general practice of journalists not to release names of victims of sex offenses.**

- **Preserve Evidence.** Do not shower, wash, change clothes, douche, urinate, brush teeth, or place anything in your mouth. Do not disturb items in the area where the offense occurred. Keep people away from the scene so evidence is not disturbed.
- **Seek Medical Attention.** It is recommended that you go directly to the hospital for a Medical Legal Rape Examination. Take along extra clothing, including underwear, for after the exam.