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Dear Friends,

In light of current events in the national media we are concerned the recent news below could have even bigger implications. In addition to avoiding reporter calls today, I reached out to Western States Center and they thought that it was important that we all connect today. They offered to facilitate a call at 4:30 PM today. The call in number is 208.955.6550 #7800.

-Tara

Hello all,

I know you are all already aware of the arrests made by Ada county in regarding a to a rape investigation. This is the press-release post form Ada County. In case any of you had not seen it yet

<https://adacounty.id.gov/sheriff/news/four-boise-teenagers-arrested-on-rape-charges/>

Four Boise teenagers arrested on rape charges

Four male Boise teenagers who had illegal sexual contact with an 18-year-old girl earlier this month are charged with rape.

Swedi Iyombelo, Mulanga Rashidi, and Elias Lupango are all being held in the Ada County Jail and are set to make their initial court appearances [Friday afternoon](#).

A 16-year-old boy arrested [Friday morning](#) will be held at Ada County's Juvenile Detention facility.

Deputies with the ACTION team arrested Iyombelo and Rashidi, who are both 18-years-old, near a fast-food restaurant in Kuna [Thursday morning](#). Deputies arrested the 19-year-old Lupango [Thursday afternoon](#) in east Boise.

Kuna Police began their investigation Feb. 8 after being contacted by a third party.

The girl told investigators she was with Iyombelo, who she just recently met, the night before in a car in a Kuna neighborhood when he began to have sexual contact with her.

A short time later, the three other teenage boys showed up. All four then forced themselves on the girl in the car.

Detectives continued to investigate the case and develop evidence – including interviews – before arresting all four suspects [between Thursday and Friday morning](#).

The crime of rape, a felony, is punishable by up to life in prison.

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