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Subject : [External] Far-right media sites picking up the assault story

Hi all,

Thanks for taking the time to jump on a call with us yesterday.

I wanted to send everyone a heads up that the assault story seems to now be gaining some traction online. The [Daily Caller](#) and the [Gateway Pundit](#) have both picked up the story.

The social media posts I'm seeing about the story come with plenty of anti-refugee and anti-Black vitriol, not surprisingly. It's not getting a ton of attention yet, but definitely has the potential to snowball given the readership levels of the sites that have picked it up.

The Gateway Pundit published their story last night, and the Daily Caller story went up a few hours ago. We haven't seen anything on this yet from anti-refugee figures like Ann Corcoran or Brigitte Gabriel.

I'll keep you posted as this evolves. We are refining the messaging points we discussed yesterday and I'll send those along as soon as possible. Feel free to be in touch in the meantime if we can help in any way.

Best,  
Lindsay

On Fri, Feb 15, 2019 at 12:52 PM Tara Wolfson <[twolfson@idahorefugees.org](mailto:twolfson@idahorefugees.org)> wrote:

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 from 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 lyombelo, 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 lyombelo 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 lyolmbelo, 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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