



## **Manchester Police Department**

## **Public Awareness**

Boston Police Just Warn about the Dangerousness of a Scentless, Colorless and Tasteless Drugs being used/added To "The Drinks of Unsuspecting Victims"

With senior week and other summer festivities being in full swing I wanted you to know. In the Boston area there has been an increase on 'numerous social media posts' from various people claiming they were victims of <u>"drink-spiking."</u> The drugs used are dangerous, scentless, colorless and tasteless. Rohypnol, also known as "roofie", or other drugs such as GHB (gamma-hydroxybutyric acid) or Ketamine, are common drugs of choice being placed in the drinks of unsuspecting victims.

These type of drugs and acts cause disorientation, confusion, temporary paralysis or unconsciousness along with a host of other symptoms, leaving the potential victim vulnerable to the intentions of the suspect.

Please have conversations with your teens and young adults especially. Maryland and other States are not exempt to this dangerous act. Look out for each other; make it difficult for people to commit the dangerous act of "Spiking Drinks" which in most cases leads to other victim crimes.

- •Be sure that your drink is being served directly by the bartender or server, and don't allow people you don't know to order your drinks or give you a drink
- Never leave your drink unattended
- Cover your drink when you're not looking at it
- Get help if you feel dizzy, nauseated or strange
- Call 911 if you suspect you or a friend is a victim and get help. Report it to the police without delay.

Businesses serving Alcohol are legally obligated to try and ensure the safety of their customers and should be taking steps to prevent anything like this from happening.

Stay Safe, Beware and I hope of you have an outstanding summer!