



## **Recent cases of sexual assault inspiring conversation**

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A number of high profile cases in the news are motivating a dialogue about sexual assault.

Two men are facing charges after allegedly kidnapping a woman in Taradale, and assaulting her repeatedly, before police say she managed to escape.

The weekend before, a woman was found at the Bridgeland LRT after police say she was assaulted.

Danielle Aubry, Executive Director of Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse, tells City News for some victims, hearing about these cases can trigger past events.

Others feel encouraged to use social media to reach out for help.

“It creates enough anonymity for people and so they don’t have to completely step out of the secrecy that they’ve been living with,” she said. “A lot of times that’s what survivors will do, they’ll test the waters you know, can I tell my family, can I tell a friend? And they listen to the response.”

Aubry says we need to create a society that is able to talk about sexual assault in a way that’s not victim blaming.