



TIMELY WARNING

USC Department of Public Safety

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ALERT #: TW2016-001

ATTEMPT ROBBERY

REPORTED OFFENSE: As the victim, a street vendor, was selling tacos to customers on the corner, a male suspect approached and demanded money in exchange for food stamps. When the victim refused to comply the suspect simulated a handgun in his jacket pocket and threatened the victim. Several of the victim's customers were nearby and upon overhearing the suspect's threats, stated they were going to call the police. The suspect then entered a nearby silver sedan and fled southbound out of view.

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: March 13, 2016 at approximately 10:15 PM

LOCATION: North/West corner 36th Place and Vermont Avenue (off campus)

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION (provided by victim):

Suspect # 1: Male, Black, 35-40, brown hair, brown eyes, 6', 200 lbs., wearing a black baseball cap, tan jacket, blue shirt, and dark colored pants

SUSPECT VEHICLE: Silver or Gray sedan, no further description

**If you have any information about these crimes, call the Department of Public Safety at (213) 740-4321 or LAPD Southwest Division at (213) 485-6571
Refer to USC case #1601002**

TAKE ACTION TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE:

- If you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Any suspicious persons or activities should be reported to DPS or LAPD immediately.
- Avoid walking alone. Use Campus Cruiser (213)740-4911.
- Avoid using cell phones or MP3 players while walking - suspects target phones and other items in plain view.
- In the event of a robbery, stay calm and comply with the suspect's demands.
- After the robbery, call DPS right away. The first 2 minutes after a crime occurs are critical to law enforcement.
- If you observe a crime in progress, STAY CALM AND CALL DPS (213)740-4321.
- BE A GOOD WITNESS. Describe exactly what you observed with as many details as possible. Give complete descriptions such as sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, tattoos, and scars. Try to get the license plate if a vehicle is involved.
- Program these phone numbers into your cell phone: DPS Emergency, (213) 740-4321, DPS Non-Emergency, (213) 740-6000
- Report Crime ANONYMOUSLY via Silent Witness <http://web-app.usc.edu/web/dps/silentWitness/>
- Subscribe to the Free Trojan mobile safety app called "LiveSafe," available in Google Play Store or the Apple Store.
- FOR MORE TIPS – visit: <http://dps.usc.edu/safety-tips/>



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RESOURCES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE USC CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Student Health Center	(323) 442-5631
Center for Women and Men	(213) 740-4900
Counseling Center	(323) 442-5631 for students (213) 743-2770 for faculty and staff