



CRIME ALERT

USC Department of Public Safety

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ALERT #: CA2016-006

STRONG ARM ROBBERY

REPORTED OFFENSE: As the complainant (student) was walking southbound on the east side of Catalina St. from Jefferson Blvd., the suspect approached her from behind and forcibly wrestled her phone from her hand. The suspect then entered a waiting vehicle and fled southbound from the location.

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: August 29, 2016 at approximately 1:50 PM

LOCATION: Catalina St. south of Jefferson Blvd. (off campus)

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION (provided by complainant):

Suspect # 1: Male/ Black/ 6'0-6'2/ slim build/ late 20's/ black shirt

Suspect # 2: Not seen

SUSPECT VEHICLE: Black 4-door sedan, similar to Chevy Cruz. Possible CA license plate: 7MIF822

**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 #1603054**

USC Department of Public Safety Recommendations – Robbery

- If you are the victim of a robbery remain calm and *do not* resist. Assure the robber you will cooperate and take no action that may jeopardize your safety. Do not make any quick or unexpected movements. Follow the robber's direction, but do not offer more than they ask for. Don't argue with the robber. After the robbery, go immediately to a safe location and report the crime. For the University Park Campus (UPC) call DPS' emergency line at (213) 740-4321, for the Health Sciences Campus (HSC) call (323) 442-1000, or the LAPD at 9-1-1.
- If you observe a crime in progress, **STAY CALM AND CALL** DPS' emergency line at the University Park Campus (UPC) (213) 740-4321, or for the Health Sciences Campus (HSC) call (323) 442- 1000, or the LAPD at 9-1-1. Do not attempt to apprehend any suspects or perpetrators of a crime. Do not walk alone; travel in pairs. Avoid using cell phones or other technology as criminals target inattentive individuals using them. Your personal safety and the safety of others around you should be your primary concern.
- **Be a good witness:** It is important to recall what you observed and provide as many details as possible to law enforcement such as: the sex, race, age, height, hair color, clothing, tattoos, scars of any suspects and a description of the make and model of any vehicle used in the crime and its license plate if possible.



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- **Get a Ride:** If you work, study or take classes at night, you don't have to walk to your car or home alone. USC's Campus Cruiser will take you to your destination. If wait periods exceed 15 minutes, calls are automatically outsourced to Uber, which you can take for free, ensuring you'll never have to wait long for a safe ride home.
- **Blue light emergency phones** are located throughout the University Park and Health Sciences campuses. The phones are connected to the USC Department of Public Safety's 24-hour communications center and identify the phone location even if the caller is unable to talk. The phones can be used to request an escort, report suspicious activity, and to report crimes.
- **Yellow Jackets:** In addition to DPS officers who patrol a 2.5 mile radius around USC's University Park Campus, USC contracts with "security ambassadors" to patrol street corners in nearby neighborhoods. This security force wears bright yellow jackets so you can easily spot them. If you're off campus and in need of assistance, look for a Yellow Jacket.
- **LiveSafe:** To immediately contact DPS or 911 with a push of a button on your mobile phone, download the *Trojan Mobile Safety APP "LIVESAFE"* from Google Play or the Apple iTunes Store. For more information regarding LIVESAFE visit <http://usc.edu/mobilesafety>.
- **TrojansAlert:** Register for USC's emergency notification system **TrojansAlert** to allow university officials to contact you during an emergency by sending messages via text and email at <https://trojansalert.usc.edu/register.php>.
- For further information and tips visit <http://dps.usc.edu/safety-tips/suspicious-activity/robbery/>.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE USC CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Student Health Center	(213) 740-9355
USC Counseling Center	(213) 740-7711 for students (213) 743-2770 for faculty and staff

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact the Watch Commander in the Department of Public Safety at (213) 740-5523.