



TIMELY WARNING

USC Department of Public Safety

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ALERT #: TW2016-004

ROBBERY

REPORTED OFFENSE:

During the below hours, a group of males in their early to mid-twenties assaulted and robbed two students, attempted to rob another, and assaulted a fourth. No weapons were seen.

In the first incident, a student was walking alone near Figueroa Street when he was approached by the suspects and was intimidated into voluntarily surrendered his property. A short time later, a student was confronted by what appears to have been the same group who attempted to rob him. The student was able to alert a nearby private security officer and did not suffer a loss. In the third incident, a student walking along 28th Street was assaulted by the same suspects and his property taken. In the last incident, the suspects approached a student, assaulted him, and then fled in a grey Honda. No robbery occurred but the suspects matched the description of those involved in the other incidents

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Oct. 2, 2016 between approx. 1:20 AM and 2:35 AM

LOCATION: 3000 Block Figueroa, 600 Block 28th Street (off campus)

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION *(provided by reporting party):*

Suspect 1: Male, Black, early 20's, 5-8, 160, black hooded sweater, black pants

Suspect 2: Male, Black, early 20's, 5-10, 190, black sweatshirt

Suspect 3: Male, Black, 28, 5-8, 190, black shirt, blue jeans

Suspect 4: Male, Black, 23, 5-8, 170, dark cap, red top, grey or green army style pants

Additional suspect description (provided by additional witnesses and victim):

Suspect 1: Male, Black, 24-26, 5-10, 200, dreadlocks, turquoise top, black jeans

Suspect 2: Male, Black, 20-25, 5-5, black shirt, white "bucket" hat

SUSPECT VEHICLE: Grey Honda or Grey Porsche Cayenne

If you are in immediate danger, call the LAPD at 9-1-1 or DPS at (213) 740-4321.

If you have information relevant to the crime(s) call the Department of Public Safety (DPS) at (213) 740-6000 or the LAPD Southwest Division at (213) 485-6571.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) issues warnings to the university community when a criminal incident occurs and represents a serious or continuing threat to students and employees. The purpose of this warning is to aid in the prevention of similar crimes by alerting the community about the incident so they may make informed decisions about their personal safety.



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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 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 for UPC at (213) 740-4321, for the Health Sciences Campus call (323) 442- 1000 or the LAPD at 9-1-1.
- 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.
- Do not attempt to apprehend any suspects or perpetrators of crime. Do not walk alone; travel in pairs. Avoid using cell phones or other technology while walking as criminals target inattentive individuals using them.
- Get a Ride: If you work, study or take classes at night, you don't have to walk to your car or home alone. The USC 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 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 campuses, 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://dps.usc.edu/services/safety-app/>.
- TrojansAlert: Register for USC's emergency notification system **TrojansAlert** to allow university officials to contact you during an emergency by sending messages via text message and email at <http://dps.usc.edu/services/safety-app/>.

For further information and tips visit <http://dps.usc.edu/safety-tips/suspicious-activity/robbery/>.



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RESOURCES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE USC CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Student Health Center	(213) 740-9355
Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention and Services (RSVP) <i>(Formerly known as Center for Women and Men)</i>	(213) 740-4900
USC Counseling Center	(213) 740-7711 for students (213) 743-2770 for faculty and staff

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