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TIMELY WARNING INCIDENT: SEXUAL BATTERY (FONDLING)

ALERT #: 2017-002

INCIDENT 1

Date and Time: May 20, 2017 at approximately 7:34 p.m.

Location: 110 W. 28th Street (off campus)

Reported offense: Reporting party indicated that as she was walking, a male Hispanic grabbed her buttocks from behind and fled on foot.

Suspect description: Male, Hispanic, early 20's, with a mustache wearing navy colored sweater, approximately 5' 3" in height.

Suspect vehicle description: None.

INCIDENT 2

Date and time: May 21, 2017 at approximately 2:25 p.m.

Location: 3300 block of Hoover Street (off campus)

Reported offense: Reporting party was walking southbound on Hoover St. on the east sidewalk approaching Jefferson when the suspect approached her from behind on a skateboard. As the suspect reached the reporting party, he struck her on the buttocks with an open palm. The suspect then turned around on his skateboard and fled northbound on University Ave and out of view.

Suspect description: Male, unknown race, approximately 17 years old, 5-11, slim build, white shirt, black pants, and white shoes.

Suspect vehicle description: None. Suspect was using a skateboard.

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

If you have any information about this crime, please call the Department of Public Safety at (213) 740-4321 or 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.



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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.

MESSAGE FROM USC AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Department of Public Safety encourages the prompt reporting of crimes to DPS to aid in capturing suspects and determining the need to deploy assistance to the campus community. Delays in reporting crime to DPS can hinder apprehension of suspects.

This *Timely Warning* is intended to warn the campus community regarding a crime which occurred in USC's Patrol and Response area and to provide information enabling community members to make informed decisions about their personal safety.

The University of Southern California condemns sexual assault in any form. If you are the victim of or witness to a crime, please report it immediately to DPS-UPC Emergency line at (213) 740-4321 or for DPS-HSC Emergency (323) 442-1000. Provide the location where the incident occurred and a description of the perpetrator(s) to the best of your ability. You may also report the crime to the LAPD Southwest Division at (213) 485-6572.

The following safety information is offered to reduce the possibility of experiencing a crime, improve opportunities to receive prompt assistance, and to increase everyone's ability to be an informed bystander or witness.

- Travel in pairs or with trusted companions, especially at night, or in remote areas.
- If someone is intoxicated or incapacitated call for a taxi or other car service, and make sure a trusted friend safely accompanies the incapacitated friend to their door.
- Report suspicious persons or activity immediately to DPS-UPC at (213)740-4321 or for DPS-HSC Emergency at (323) 442-1000.
- 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.
- FOR MORE TIPS – visit: <http://dps.usc.edu/safety-tips/>
- 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.



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- **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 message and email at <https://trojansalert.usc.edu/register.php>.

RESOURCES AT USC

Student Health Center	(213) 740-9355
Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention and Services (RSVP) (Formerly known as Center for Women and Men)	(213) 740-4900
USC Counseling Center	(213) 740-7711 for students (213) 743-2770 for faculty and staff
Title IX Coordinator (gender-based harm)	(213) 740-5086
Student Judicial Affairs (non-gender-based harm)	(213) 821-7373
Student Support and Advocacy	(213) 740-2421

RESOURCES OUTSIDE OF USC

National Center for Victims of Crime Office on Violence Against Women http://www.justice.gov/ovw	(202) 467-8700
Peace Over Violence 1015 Wilshire Blvd., #200, Los Angeles, CA 90017 www.peaceoverviolence.org	(213) 955-9090

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