reported offense: As the victim (student) walked away from her residence near Normandie and 30th St., she was approached by the suspect who was riding an electric scooter. The suspect brandished a knife and demanded her money. Since the victim had no money, the suspect forced her to walk to a nearby ATM where he demanded she withdraw cash. When she was unable to do so, the suspect forced the victim to return to her residence where he demanded money. After obtaining a small amount of cash, the suspect fled in an unknown direction. The victim was not injured.

The suspect in this incident appears to be the same suspect involved in an attempt robbery later in the afternoon at 37th St. and Vermont (Alert #2018-01).

DPS and the LAPD have very strong leads in these cases and are actively investigating. If you have any information regarding these cases, please contact DPS or the LAPD at the numbers below.

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: January 24, 2018 at approximately 1:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Normandie Ave. and 30th Street (off campus)

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://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.

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

RESOURCES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE USC CAMPUS COMMUNITY
Department of Public Safety

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

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