CRIME ALERT
ROBBERY

ALERT#: 2018-004

REPORTED OFFENSE: A female student was walking eastbound on Adams Blvd from Flower St. (toward The Lorenzo Apartments) when she was pushed to the ground and her purse forcibly taken from her. The suspect then fled westbound toward Figueroa and out of view.

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: March 25, 2018 at approximately 3:32 A.M.

LOCATION: Adams and Flower (off campus)

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION: Male, Hispanic, early 20’s, brown hair and brown eyes, 5’08-5’10, thin build, wearing a green camouflage jacket, NFD.

SUSPECT VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: No vehicle seen

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, 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. 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 University of Southern California condemns inappropriate behavior, misconduct and 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.

USC Department of Public Safety Recommendations – Robbery

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.

- 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 LYFT, 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

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.