TIMELY WARNING
INCIDENT: FONDLING/SEXUAL BATTERY

alert #: 2018-001

reported offense: fondling/sexual battery

the victim/student reported the suspect followed her to the northeast corner of figueroa street and exposition blvd. and hit her buttocks with an open hand and fled the area on foot.

suspect description (provided by reporting party):

male, hispanic, late 20’s to early 30’s, wearing black zip up sweater, camouflage blue t-shirt, wearing black backpack, black baseball cap and red shoes.

date & time of occurrence: march 9, 2018 at approximately 9:00 a.m.

location: northeast corner of figueroa street and exposition blvd.

suspect vehicle description: none. suspect left the area on foot.

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. your reported tips may lead to the apprehension of perpetrators.

message from usc and the department of public safety

the university of southern california condemns sexual assault in all its forms. if you are the victim of or witness to a crime, please report it immediately to dps-university park campus emergency at (213) 740-4321 or for dps-health sciences campus emergency at (323) 442-1000 and 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 increase everyone’s ability to be an informed bystander or witness.
If you are the victim of an incident of fondling or sexual battery call the Department of Public Safety immediately. For the University Park Campus (UPC) call DPS emergency at (213) 740-4321, for the Health Sciences Campus (HSC) call (323) 442-1000.

If you observe a crime in progress, STAY CALM AND CALL the 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.

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.

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 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 even if the caller is unable to talk. The phones can be used to request an escort, report suspicious activity, and to report crimes.

Security Ambassadors: 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, contact a security ambassador.

TrojansAlert: Register for USC’s emergency notification system TrojansAlert to allow university officials to contact you during an emergency by sending messages via text at https://trojansalert.usc.edu/register.php.

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.

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

The Violence Intervention Program
VIP Forensic Urgent Care Center at LAC+USC Medical Center
2010 Zonal Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90033 (323) 226-3961
After Hours (24/7 care available) (323) 226-3061

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

Sexual Assault Resource Center http://sarc.usc.edu/first-steps

RESOURCES OUTSIDE OF USC

National Center for Victims of Crime (202) 467-8700
Office on Violence Against Women http://www.justice.gov/ovw

YWCA Los Angeles
24 Hour Sexual Assault Hotline (877) Y-HELPS-U (877) 943-5778

http://www.ywcagla.org/what-we-do/programs/sexual-assault/

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