Department of Public Safety

TIMELY WARNING

ALERT #: 2018-003

REPORTED OFFENSE: Robbery-Firearm

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: April 3, 2018, 10:19 AM

LOCATION: 32nd Street and Royal Street. (Off Campus)

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION:
Susp#1: Male Black, 5-7 to 5-9, 150lbs, Black pants, Black Hoodie, Dark shoes.
Susp#2: Male Black, 5-7 to 5-9, 150lbs, Black pants, Gray Hoodie, Dark Shoes.

SUSPECT VEHICLE: Dark gray Nissan Altima, tinted windows, paint damage on roof and trunk, chrome wheels.

INCIDENT #1:
Suspects parked their vehicle on the west side of Royal Street just north of 32nd Street. They exited the vehicle and walked to the south side of 32nd and confronted Victim #1. Suspect #1 brandished a black handgun and demanded the victim’s cell phone and money. The victim (a student) relinquished her phone to the suspects.

INCIDENT #2:
Both suspects then ran across 32nd Street to the north side and confronted Victim #2 (a student) and brandished the handgun once again. The suspects demanded the victim’s cell phone. The victim was able to flee as witnesses came to her aid. The suspects were seen running to their vehicle and then driving out of the area heading east on 32nd Street and then southbound on Figueroa Street. The vehicle continued south on Figueroa Street passing Exposition Blvd until out of view.

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 Timely Warnings under the Clery Act 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 provide information which enables community members to make informed decisions about their personal safety.
USC Department of Public Safety Recommendations – Robbery/Assault

■ 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 cardinal and 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 (UPC)  (213) 740-9355  
Eric Cohen Student Health Center (HSC)  (323) 442-5631  

USC Counseling Center (UPC)  (213) 740-7711 for students  
(213) 743-2770 for faculty and staff  
Eric Cohen Counseling Center (HSC)  (323) 442-5631  

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