ALERT #: TW2018-008

REPORTED OFFENSE: Attempted Robbery-Strong Arm with Firearm

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: May 20, 2018 at 2:55 p.m.

LOCATION: 3335 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007 (near CVS)

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION: Victim, a USC student, advertised an iPhone for sale using an application to sell items online. A potential buyer contacted the victim and they agreed to meet at the CVS store on Figueroa. After the victim arrived at the CVS store, the buyer texted the victim and requested victim walk to Shrine Place and 32nd Street to meet buyer who was in a Silver Audi. Victim walked down the street and met suspects 1 and 2, who were sitting inside the vehicle. Victim advised the suspects to drive back to CVS to complete their transaction. As the victim walked back toward CVS, Suspect 1 exited the vehicle, approached the victim and demanded the cell phone. Suspect 2 remained inside the car. Suspect 1 produced a firearm from the front pocket of his hoodie and pointed the firearm at victim. A struggle between the victim and Suspect 1 ensued resulting in Suspect 1 losing control of the weapon. Suspects (who had retrieved the weapon) fled the scene and drove out of the area without the victim’s property. The victim was not seriously injured.

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION:
Suspect 1: Male Black, 6’ in height, approximately 175 lbs., approximately 19 to 21 years old, wearing grey sweat pants.

Suspect 2: Male Black, unknown height and weight, approximately 19 to 21 years old.

SUSPECT VEHICLE: Silver, four door Audi Q3 Crossover, 2016 or newer, large sun roof, with white license plates. Rear windows are tinted.

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 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.
Avoid making cash transactions with strangers. If you don't know the person with whom you desire to sell or buy an item from, DPS recommends you transact business in the lobby of the Department of Public Safety or other local law enforcement, or request a DPS officer witness the transaction. If the individual does not want to meet you inside of DPS it is probably not safe to transact business with them.

On the University Park Campus (UPC), the Department of Public Safety is located at 3667 South McClintock Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90089 and can be reached at: Emergency 213-740-4321 or for Non-Emergency 213-740-6000.

There is a DPS substation at the University Village located at 3131 South Hoover Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, CA 90089 and can be reached at: 213-821-6677.

At the Health Sciences Campus (HSC), there is a DPS station located at: 2001 Soto Street, Los Angeles, CA 90032 and can be reached at: Emergency 323-442-1000 or for Non-Emergency 323-442-1200.

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.
Department of Public Safety

- **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.

- **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 cardinal and yellow jackets so you can easily spot them. If you’re off campus and in need of assistance, look for a Security Ambassador.

- **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](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](https://trojansalert.usc.edu/register.php).


**RESOURCES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE USC CAMPUS COMMUNITY**

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