ALERT #: TW2019-003

REPORTED OFFENSE: After reporting missing property to building security, a review of recorded camera images revealed an unknown suspect trying door handles on the student’s floor. Suspect entered the victim’s apartment while residents were sleeping via the unlocked front door, took a backpack and fled the scene.

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: April 2, 2019, 5:28 AM.

LOCATION: Gateway Apartments, 3335 South Figueroa Street (off campus)

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION (provided by the victim): Male, possibly Hispanic, 5’5”, 250 lbs., 30-40 years, curly hair, wearing a dark long sleeve shirt, dark shorts, green tennis shoes, wrapped in light gray blanket, carrying a skateboard.

SUSPECT VEHICLE: No vehicle involvement observed.

If you are in immediate danger, call LAPD at 9-1-1 or DPS at (213) 740-4321.

If you have information relevant to the crime reflected in this alert call the Department of Public Safety (DPS) at (213) 740-6000 or the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Southwest Division at (213) 485-6571.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) issues Crime Alerts to the university community, in compliance with the Clery Act, when a criminal incident occurs within USC’s Clery geography and represents either a serious or continuing threat to the safety of students, employees and others. The purpose of this warning is to aid in the prevention of similar crimes by alerting the community about the incident and to provide information which allows individuals to make informed decisions about their personal safety.

USC Department of Public Safety Recommendations – Burglary

- Burglars are opportunists. **Lock your doors and windows before leaving your residence and when you are inside your residence.**

- Give the illusion someone is at home by keeping a light, television, or stereo on while away from your apartment or home.

- Don’t let anyone into your secured building or home you don’t know.
Do not prop doors open to allow access to non-residents. Even if you are visiting a friend in another room, it only takes seconds for someone to take advantage of your room.

If you observe a crime in progress, or discover your dwelling has been burglarized go to a safe location and call DPS emergency for the University Park Campus (UPC) at (213) 740-4321, for the Health Sciences Campus (HSC) call (323) 442-1000 or the LAPD at 9-1-1.

If you encounter a burglar remain calm and **do not** resist. Assure the burglar you will cooperate and take no action that may jeopardize your safety. Do not make any quick or unexpected movements. Follow the burglar’s direction, but do not offer more than they ask for. Don’t argue with the burglar.

Do not attempt to apprehend any suspects or perpetrators of crime. Your personal safety and the safety of others around you should be your primary concern.

**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.

**Other options for Assistance:**

- **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 and to observe and report crime and suspicious activity. This security force wears bright yellow jackets so you can easily spot them. If you need assistance, look for a Security Ambassador.

- **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 speak. The phones can be used to request help, an escort, report suspicious activity, and to report crimes.

- **LiveSafe APP**: To quickly make emergency push button calls to DPS or 911 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 [https://dps.usc.edu/services/safety-app/](https://dps.usc.edu/services/safety-app/).

- **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. For more information visit: [http://dps.usc.edu/services/trojans-alerts/](http://dps.usc.edu/services/trojans-alerts/).
Department of Public Safety

RESOURCES AT USC

**USC Student Health**
Keck Medicine of USC  
(213) 740-WELL (9355)  
Email: studenthealth@usc.edu  
[https://studenthealth.usc.edu/about/contact/](https://studenthealth.usc.edu/about/contact/)

There are two locations:

**Engemann Student Health Center – UPC Campus**  
1031 West 34th Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90089-3261

**Eric Cohen Student Health Center – HSC Campus**  
1510 San Pablo St., Ste. 104  
Los Angeles, CA 90033  
Phone: (323) 442-5631  
Fax: (323) 442-6029  
ecohenshc@med.usc.edu

**USC Support and Advocacy**  
(213) 821-4710

To request other support resources and accommodations, please contact Associate Vice Provost Lynette Merriman: merriman@usc.edu

**Center for Work and Family Life**  
(213) 821-0800  
Website: [https://employees.usc.edu/work-family-life/](https://employees.usc.edu/work-family-life/)

**Office of Religious Life**  
(213) 740-6110  
orl@usc.edu

To request confidential pastoral care and spiritual counseling, please contact Associate Dean Jim Burklo: burklo@usc.edu

If you have any questions regarding this crime alert, please contact the on duty Watch Commander in the Department of Public Safety at (213) 740-6000.