

**CRIME ALERT  
SEXUAL BATTERY/FONDLING****ALERT #:** TW2019-007

**FIRST INCIDENT:** Reporting party, a USC student, reported that as she was leaving campus from the McCarthy Way entrance after her class ended at Fertitta Hall, she crossed eastbound across Figueroa Street. When she reached the driveway leading to the Figueroa parking structure near Rosso Oro's Pizza, she heard a bike coming from behind her. Reporting party turned around and then felt a hard slap to her buttocks. Reporting party said the suspect rode away southbound on the east sidewalk and out of sight.

**REPORTED OFFENSE:** Sexual battery/fondling

**DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** Sept. 30, 2019, 9:41 p.m.

**LOCATION:** USC Hotel, 3540 Figueroa St. (on campus)

**SUSPECT DESCRIPTION:** Male, Hispanic, age 20, long black shoulder length hair, wearing a gray hoodie and a backpack.

**SUSPECT BIKE DESCRIPTION:** Dark colored bicycle

**SECOND INCIDENT:** Reporting party, a USC student, reported she was walking alone northbound on Shrine Place when she was suddenly approached from behind by a male riding a bicycle who slapped her buttocks with an open palm as his continued to ride past her. The suspect continued riding northbound on Shrine Place.

**REPORTED OFFENSE:** Sexual battery/fondling

**DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** October 1, 2019, 9:29 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 3200 Block of Shrine Place (off campus)

**SUSPECT DESCRIPTION:** Male, short hair, possible a crew cut, wearing a dark hoodie.

**SUSPECT BIKE DESCRIPTION:** Possible black "Fixie" bicycle with a red flashing light.

**THIRD INCIDENT:** Reporting party indicated she was walking from an event at the Davidson Conference Center toward the Royal Street Structure when a male individual riding a bicycle rode toward her from behind and grabbed her buttocks. The suspect continued riding his bicycle westbound on 34th street (on campus).

**REPORTED OFFENSE:** Sexual battery/fondling.

**DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** Oct. 4, 2019, 9:10 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 3415 South Figueroa St. (on campus)

**SUSPECT DESCRIPTION:** Male, Hispanic, dark complexion, age 25 to 29, shoulder length black hair.

**SUSPECT BIKE DESCRIPTION:** Dark colored bicycle.

*"Help fight crime by reporting suspicious persons and/or activity to USC DPS immediately. Please note that race, ethnicity, gender, and/or religious affiliation are **NOT** considered the basis for suspicion; only behaviors are considered suspicious."*

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

**MESSAGE FROM USC'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

If you have information relevant to the crime(s) reflected in this alert immediately call the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for UPC at (213) 740-6000, for HSC at (323) 442-1000 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.

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.

- Travel in pairs or with trusted companions, especially at night, or in remote areas.
- If someone is intoxicated or incapacitated call for a taxi or other car service, and make sure a trusted friend safely accompanies the incapacitated friend to their door.
- **USC Safe Ride Program - Get a Ride:** USC Campus Cruiser will take you to your destination from 6:00 pm to 2:45 am 7 days a week.

Request a ride through any of the following means:

- 1) Access the web request interface at [usc.ridecell.com](http://usc.ridecell.com);
- 2) Use the free iPhone app available in the iTunes store, or the Android app available at: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ridecell.platform.leonidas.usc>; or
- 3) Call dispatch for UPC at (213)740-4911 or HSC at (323) 442-2100. For more information on ride share zones visit: <https://transnet.usc.edu/index.php/campus-cruiser-program/>

**USC Supplemental Safe Ride Program:**

If wait periods exceed 15 minutes, calls to Campus Cruiser are automatically outsourced to Lyft, which students can take for free, ensuring you'll never have to wait long for a safe ride home. For more information on using Lyft visit: <https://transnet.usc.edu/index.php/campus-cruiser-program/how-to-use-lyft/>.

**Safety tips when using Lyft:**

- 1) Again, **TRAVEL IN PAIRS:** Travel with a friend – the “safety in numbers” concept really works, especially if your judgment is impaired.
- 2) **VERIFY YOUR DRIVER AND CAR:** Once you have requested a Lyft ride, you can view the driver’s rating. When your ride arrives, make sure the driver’s photo, license plate number, and vehicle description match. Never take a ride you did not request or get into a car that doesn’t match the details provided by the Lyft app.
- 3) **GO THE EXTRA MILE:** The Lyft app’s “share your ETA” function allows you to invite friends to see your trip in real-time. The app will draft a text message you can share with friends that includes your ETA and a link to a live map that allows them to track your trip. Too much effort? Call a pal and stay on the line while you’re in the car instead.

**Other options for help if you need it:**

- **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.
- **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. 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 Security Ambassador.
- **LiveSafe APP:** To quickly make emergency one 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/>.
- **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: <https://dps.usc.edu/services/trojans-alerts/>.
- **Be a good witness:** Describe exactly what you observed with as many details as possible. Give complete descriptions such as sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, tattoos, and scars. Try to get the license plate if a vehicle is involved.

**RESOURCES AT USC****USC Student Health****Keck Medicine of USC**

(213) 740-WELL (9355)

Email: [studenthealth@usc.edu](mailto:studenthealth@usc.edu)Website: <https://studenthealth.usc.edu/emergencies/>**Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention and Services (RSVP)***(Formerly known as Center for Women and Men)*

(213) 740-4900

Website: <https://studentaffairs.usc.edu/cwm-becomes-relationship-and-sexual-violence-prevention-and-services/>

USC Counseling Center

(213) 740-7711 for students

**After Hours care is available**

(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) 409-3800

**After Hours (24/7 care is available)****(323) 409-3800****USC Title IX Coordinator**

(213) 740-5086

Website: <http://titleix.usc.edu/>**USC Office of Equity & Diversity**

(213) 740-5086 UPC

Website: <http://equity.usc.edu/>

(323) 442-2020 HSC

**USC Support and Advocacy**

(213) 821-4710

To request other support resources and accommodations, please contact Associate Vice Provost

Lynette Merriman: [merriman@usc.edu](mailto:merriman@usc.edu)**Center for Work and Family Life**

(213) 821-0800

Website: <https://employees.usc.edu/work-family-life/>**Office of Religious Life**

(213) 740-6110

Email: [orl@usc.edu](mailto:orl@usc.edu)

To request confidential pastoral care and spiritual counseling, please contact Associate Dean

Jim Burklo: [burklo@usc.edu](mailto:burklo@usc.edu)

**RESOURCES OUTSIDE OF USC**

YWCA Greater Los Angeles  
24 Hour Sexual Assault Hotline (877) Y-HELPS-U  
(877) 943-5778  
Website: <https://ywcagla.org/what-we-do/programs/sexual-assault/>

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

**Peace Over Violence** (213) 955-9090  
1015 Wilshire Blvd., #200, Los Angeles, CA 90017  
Website: [www.peaceoverviolence.org](http://www.peaceoverviolence.org)

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.