“Pick-Pocketing” Suspects at Mission Bay Campus

On Tuesday, January 11, 2011, the UCSF Police Department was informed of the following incident which occurred at the UCSF Mission Bay Campus on 4th Street near 600 16th Street:

A UCSF Pharmacy student reported being a victim of a theft. On January 11, 2011 at approximately 5:30 PM, the victim had exited the UCSF Gray Shuttle when she was approached by two (2) unknown females who were also exiting the UCSF Shuttle. The females asked the student numerous "random questions" and for directions, then quickly ran away on 4th Street towards 16th Street. The student immediately checked her pockets and noticed her iPod Touch was no longer connected to her head phones, and was missing from her coat pocket.

The suspect descriptions are:

Subject # 1  -   Black Female Juvenile, approximately 16 years of age, heavy set, wearing glasses, braided black hair worn in a pony tail, teal colored sweatshirt, and teal colored Ugg Boots. Suspect was last seen carrying a backpack.

Subject # 2  -   Black Female Juvenile, approximately 16 years of age, approximately 135 lbs, wearing a teal colored sweater, dark jeans, and white shoes. Suspect was last seen carrying a silver purse and a backpack.

Anyone with information regarding this crime or experiencing a similar situation on any UCSF campus should report the incident to the UCSF Police Department at (415) 476-1414.

Personal Safety Tips:
Suspects look for crimes of opportunity and certain safety measures can be followed to minimize your chances of becoming a victim. These are:

• Travel in groups whenever possible, especially at night.
• Avoid poorly-lit or deserted areas when walking at night.
• Make use of the shuttle and escort services.
• Stay alert to your surroundings. Avoid headphone use when walking alone.
• Do not stop in response to conversation starters (i.e. asking for time or directions).
• If you feel you are being followed, go into an open business and ask for help.
• Keep emergency numbers pre-programmed into your cell phone. (See important phone numbers listed below.)
• If you are faced with demands for your money or property, especially from an armed subject, comply with their demands for the sake of your safety.

Help fight crime by reporting suspicious activity to UCSF PD immediately. For emergency or in-progress events, dial 9-911 when using on-campus land lines and (415) 476-6911 when using cell phones. For non-emergency calls, please dial (415) 476-1414.

Together for a Safe and Crime Free Campus

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