Crime Alert

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Robberies Increase Near Mt. Zion

The UCSF Police Department would like to inform everyone traveling to and from the Mt. Zion Medical Center, that there has been an increase in robberies.

Since July 1, 2010, eight strong arm robberies occurring within a half mile radius of Mt. Zion have been reported to the San Francisco Police Department. These robberies have occurred at all hours of the day and night. No robberies have occurred directly on or adjacent to UCSF property.

In several of the cases, two young males engage the victim in a friendly conversation, grab them, and demand their property (such as an iPhone, or wallet).

The UCSF Police Department has increased patrols in the area to help deter further criminal activity. Anyone with information regarding these incidents is encouraged to contact the UCSF Police Department at 476-1414.

Personal Safety Tips:
Suspects look for crimes of opportunity and certain personal 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 and cell phone 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.
- 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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