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Physical Assault at 4th and Parnassus Avenue

On Thursday, November 4, 2010, the UCSF Police Department was informed of the following incident near the Parnassus Campus:

A UCSF student reported being a victim of a physical assault. On 11/3/2010, at approximately 8:00 PM, the victim was walking with a group of friends in the area of 4th and Parnassus Avenue, when approached by a male adult. The male approached her from the front and wrapped his arms around her. He then made lewd comments to her. The victim was able to push the male away, enabling her to walk away with friends. The male followed, but did not give chase, and was last seen boarding a MUNI bus, leaving the area. The victim provided the following description:

White male, age 45-50, 5'-9" to 5'-10", 280-300 lbs; described as “unkempt”, wearing a green beret, thin framed glasses with dark lenses, a reddish orange medium sized jacket, with a red vest under the jacket, green colored pants that may have had cargo pockets and dark shoes.

A witness to this incident stated she had a prior interaction with the same male, in the area of 10th and Irving Avenues.

Anyone with information regarding this male 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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