CRIME ALERT

10/28/08

Robbery

On 10/28/2008, an armed robbery occurred at the corner of 15th Street and Folsom Street. The victim, a UCSF employee was approached by the suspect and was asked for direction. The suspect grabbed her purse, and after forcing it from the victim ran from the scene. UCSF Police Officers were able to get a description of the suspect (African American male, approximately 6 feet 4 inches tall wearing a brown jacket with patches) and direction of travel. Officers were able to apprehend the suspect at 12th Street and Beatrice. After a search of the area, officers recovered the victim's purse and a loaded firearm that had been discarded by the suspect. The firearm was not used to commit the crime.

Anyone experiencing similar incidents on or near any UCSF campus should report the incidents 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:

- Be aware of your surroundings. Being occupied on the phone or plugged into a headset attracts attention and also makes you appear distracted, hence making you an easy target.
- Constantly assess your environment.
- Trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right or look safe, take action by changing your direction of travel, moving into an area with higher visibility and more people, or moving out of isolated or confined space.

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.

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Together for a Safe and Crime Free Campus

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