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Attempted Robbery near Parnassus Campus

On Thursday, April 17, 2014, at approximately 1445 hours, UCSF Police Officers working in the 700 block of Parnassus Ave. were contacted by the victim who wanted to report an attempted strong-arm robbery near 745 Parnassus Ave.

The incident took place at approximately 1445 hours on the pathway between the School of Dentistry and the Alumni Building and involved a UCSF employee. One male suspect approached the victim from behind and demanded her purse. The UCSF employee ran towards Parnassus Ave. where she contacted two UCSF police officers who were working traffic enforcement in the area. The victim informed the officers of what had just occurred and gave a description of the suspect. The suspect was thought to have left the area on foot towards the Kirkham St. area and remains at large.

The employee described the suspect as follows:

White male adult, 18-20 years of age, 5-10, slender build, and wearing a red hooded sweatshirt. He was described as clean shaven with light brown hair and carrying a chrome “Razor” type scooter.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the UCSF Police Department at 415/476-1414. Refer to case #2014-13126.

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:

- Be vigilant of suspicious persons. Call UCSF PD if a suspicious person is seen loitering on campus.
- Travel in groups whenever possible, especially at night.
- Avoid poorly-lit or deserted areas when walking at night.
- Stay alert to your surroundings; avoid headphone and cell phone use when walking or waiting alone.
- If you feel you are being followed, go into an open business and ask for help.
- Make use of the shuttle and escort services.
- Prevent tailgating by closing all doors and gates behind you when entering or leaving.
- If you are walking to your car, keep your car keys easily accessible, preferably in your hand.
- 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 in the interest of your safety.

Employees, staff, and students are asked to report any suspicious persons or circumstances to UCSF PD immediately and to dial 9-911 in the case of an emergency.

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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This alert is a public service to the University community and in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act of 1998.