CRIME ALERT

September 21, 2012

Attempted Robbery near Mount Zion Campus

On September 20, 2012, a UCSF employee was the victim of an attempted robbery of a cell phone which the employee was carrying, on the 1700 block of Pierce Street, one block from the Mount Zion campus.

San Francisco has seen an increase in cell phone thefts and robberies, especially smartphones. The UCSF Police Department would like to remind employees, staff and students to be alert to their surroundings, especially when making use of cell phones. Suspects take advantage of distracted individuals who are talking, texting or listening to music. Avoid headphone and cell phone use when walking or waiting alone. Avoid taking your phone out of your pocket or purse when out in public. Be especially mindful when waiting for and riding public transportation. If you have a smartphone, be sure that any GPS tracking feature is turned on. This simple precaution can help locate a stolen phone and catch would-be thieves.

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:

- Do not leave doors to buildings propped open.
- Prevent tailgating by closing all doors and gates behind you when entering or leaving.
- 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.
- Make use of the shuttle and escort services.
- Stay alert to your surroundings; avoid headphone and cell phone use when walking or waiting alone.
- If you are walking to your car, keep your car keys easily accessible, preferably in your hand.
- 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 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.

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Together for a Safe and Crime Free Campus

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