July 13, 2012

Taxi Cab Robbery near Parnassus Campus

On July 11, 2012, at approximately 5:30 A.M., a cab driver picked up a fare at 4th Ave and Geary Blvd. The suspect asked to be driven to the UCSF Hospital at Parnassus. The suspect directed the driver to pull over at 4th Ave and Irving St. At this time the suspect pulled out a gun and demanded the driver’s jacket and wallet. A struggle ensued and the driver was struck in the head with a handgun. The suspect fled the cab on foot.

The suspect is described as a white male, 30-40 years old, 160 lbs., light color hair, wearing a dark colored quilted jacket with a dark colored hooded sweatshirt underneath, dark pants, and dirty grey gloves. The victim stated that the suspect spoke with a slight Irish accent.

The images below were taken at the time of the incident:

Anyone with information regarding this event is encouraged to contact the San Francisco Police Department at 415/553-0123. For immediate assistance, please contact the UCSF Police Department at 415/476-1414 or 9-911 in an emergency.

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.

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.

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• 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.

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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