Crime ALERT

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Attempted Purse Snatching near 4th Avenue and Irving Street

On Tuesday, August 5, 2008, at approximately 8:50 P.M., a UCSF student was a victim of an attempted purse snatching in the area of 4th Street and Irving Street, one block away from the UCSF Parnassus Campus. The victim was walking alone on 4th Avenue toward Parnassus Avenue when she was followed by the suspect, who tried to grab her purse as he passed her on the street. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, aged 20-25 years old, and 5'6" in height. He was last seen wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt. The suspect’s weight, height, hair and eye color are unknown. As of today, there have been no arrests.

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:

- 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 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.
- 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.

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