CRIME ALERT

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Robberies – Parnassus Campus/Ashbury Heights

The UCSF Police Department has received information from the San Francisco Police Department regarding several recent armed robberies occurring near the Parnassus Campus. In the last two weeks, there have been three armed robberies in the Ashbury Heights neighborhood near the intersection of Ashbury Street and 17th Street. The robberies occurred during evening hours. One incident involved a UCSF employee walking to his car. All three incidents involved a single perpetrator with no clear description. None of the robberies occurred directly on or adjacent to UCSF property.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is encouraged to contact the San Francisco Police Department at 415/553-0123. For immediate assistance, please report any suspicious persons or circumstances to the UCSF Police Department at 415/476-1414 or 9-911 in an emergency.

Personal Safety Tips:
UCSF PD recognizes that many UCSF employees park their cars off campus and return to their cars after dark. As such, employees should take the following precautions when traveling on foot at night. 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 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 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.

Together for a Safe and Crime Free Campus

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