Crime ALERT

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Robbery near Mt. Zion Campus

In the past two months, there has been a rise in number of robberies reported to the San Francisco Police Department for locations near the Mt. Zion Campus. On Friday, October 3, 2008, the UCSF Police Department was informed of the following incident of robbery occurring against a UCSF student near the Mt. Zion facility.

On Wednesday, October 1, 2008, at approximately 7:30 P.M., a UCSF student was robbed of her personal belongings near the Mt. Zion facility. The victim was walking alone near the Divisadero and Ellis Street Muni bus stop. She was robbed by an African American male who was accompanied by an accomplice. Both suspects were unarmed. One suspect approached the victim and asked her the time. When she brought out her IPOD Nano to look at the time, the suspect grabbed the IPOD and escaped by foot, heading eastbound on Ellis Street. The suspect who took the IPOD was described as an African-American juvenile, aged 15-17, approximately 5’10” in height, weighing about 200 lbs., with short black curly hair, and last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with baggy jeans. The other suspect was described as an African-American juvenile, aged 15-17, approximately 5’7” in height, weighing about 150 lbs., and was last seen wearing a white t-shirt, blue jeans and white tennis shoes. As of today, there have been no arrests.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Sergeant Barney Rivera at (415) 476-5174.

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 and crime incidents 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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