Crime ALERT

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Suspicious Telephone Message
Received by Animal Researcher

On Monday, February 14, 2011, the UCSF Police Department was informed of the following incident at the Parnassus Campus:

A UCSF researcher reported receiving a suspicious telephone message on her personal cellular phone. The message was concerning but not threatening in nature. The voice was possibly a male voice or a disguised/altered synthesized voice. The researcher works in a facility which utilizes animals for experiments and is concerned that the message was from an Animal Extremist group or individual.

Anyone experiencing a similar situation on any UCSF campus should report the incident to the UCSF Police Department at (415) 476-1414.

Researcher Personal Protection Strategies:
- Ensure all laboratory work areas are appropriately secured and locked down before leaving the area.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Contact the Police Department regarding any suspicious persons or activities near your residence or workplace.
- Never open your residential or office door without knowing who is on the other side.
- If someone comes to your home or office stating that he/she is a police officer, utility company worker, etc., ask to see identification. If you are unsure, call the agency that they represent and verify their identity.
- Ensure all animal care areas are locked down.
- Do not touch any suspicious packages and report them immediately to the UCSF Police at 9-911 while on campus, or your local law enforcement agency, if at home.
- Immediately report all suspicious inquiries about animal research or inquiries about locations of research facilities to the UCSF Police.
- Record suspicious communications and associated phone numbers for investigative purposes.

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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Chief of Police

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