Increase in Robberies near Mt. Zion Campus

The UCSF Police Department has received information from the San Francisco Police Department regarding a series of recent robbery incidents near the Mt. Zion Campus. These incidents took place in the blocks north of the campus during the past weekend. The majority of the incidents reported occurred in the late evening and early morning hours. In each of the incidents, the suspects approached the victims on foot, produced a handgun, asked for the victims’ personal property and left the area on foot.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is encouraged to contact the San Francisco Police Department at 415/553-0123.

The UCSF Police Department reminds employees, staff and students to be alert to their surroundings when walking to and from campus areas, especially during late night and early morning hours. Suspects take advantage of distracted individuals talking on cell phones, texting or listening to music. Avoid headphone and cell phone use when walking or waiting alone. Avoid taking your phone out of your pocket or purse when out in public. Be especially mindful when waiting for and riding public transportation. If you have a smartphone, be sure that any GPS tracking feature is turned on. This simple precaution can help locate a stolen phone and catch would-be thieves. Finally, please make use of UCSF escort services which are provided to employees, staff and students 24/7 by calling 415/476-1414.

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.
- 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.

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.

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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