Multiple Armed Robberies in Inner Sunset Neighborhood

On the morning of Friday, March 8, 2019, the UCSF Police Department was notified of two separate armed robberies of UCSF employees occurring in the Inner Sunset neighborhood near the Parnassus campus. Both incidents were first reported to the San Francisco Police Department.

The first incident occurred at 6:00 a.m. at 8th Avenue and Noriega Street. The second incident occurred at 6:30 a.m. at 9th Avenue and Lawton Street. In both incidents, the victims, while walking on the public sidewalk, were approached by an older-model white four-door Ford sport utility vehicle. The suspects, both carrying firearms, demanded the victims’ belongings.

Both suspects were described as Hispanic male adults in their mid to late 20s. The first suspect was described as 5’8”, heavyset, wearing a grey sweatshirt and black ski cap. The second suspect was described as 5’6”, slim build, wearing a black hoodie sweatshirt and a black cap.

The UCSF Police Department has increased patrols of the Parnassus area. The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) is currently investigating this incident. Anyone with information regarding this event is encouraged to contact SFPD at 415.553.0123, in reference to case numbers 190-167-944 and 190-167-949.

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:

- 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.
- Do not leave doors to buildings propped open.
- Prevent tailgating by closing all doors and gates behind you when entering or leaving.

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 persons and/or suspicious activity to UCSF PD immediately—race, gender, and religious affiliation are NOT considered suspicious. For emergency or in-progress

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