

CRIME ALERT**ALERT #:** TW2018-011**REPORTED OFFENSE:** Assault with a Deadly Weapon**DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** September 10, 2018, 7:15 PM**LOCATION:** McClintock Avenue north of Jefferson Boulevard

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION: In an apparent act of road rage, the suspect driver pointed a handgun from the window of her car at the driver of the other involved vehicle. The other involved vehicle was a rideshare car transporting a student passenger. No shots were fired and there were no injuries. The passenger in the suspect vehicle also exited the car and threw food at the rideshare driver. The suspect vehicle was last seen traveling westbound on Jefferson from McClintock.

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION:

Suspect #1(driver): Female, Black, 35-40 years of age, wearing a burgundy colored top

Suspect #2 (passenger): Female, Black, 35-40 years of age, approximately 6 feet tall, thin build, wearing reddish-purple colored clothes.

SUSPECT VEHICLE: Burgundy colored Kia with Car Pro white paper plates with blue writing.

If you are in immediate danger, call the LAPD at 9-1-1 or DPS at (213) 740-4321.

If you have information relevant to the crime(s) call the Department of Public Safety (DPS) at (213) 740-6000 or the LAPD Southwest Division at (213) 485-6571.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) issues warnings to the university community when a criminal incident occurs and represents a serious or continuing threat to students and employees. The purpose of this warning is to aid in the prevention of similar crimes by alerting the community about the incident so they may make informed decisions about their personal safety.

Avoiding Road Rage

The NHTSA (National Highway Transportation and Safety Agency) recommends the following concerning Road Rage:

- Avoid mad motorists, if at all possible.

- If you try to speed up to pass an angry driver or prevent them from merging in your lane, it only makes things worse and can put your life in danger! Let them pass and leave plenty of room between you and their car.
- If an angry driver gives you the finger or makes another obscene gesture, ignore it. Such gestures have gotten people physically attacked many times.

- Honk your horn only if you really have to for defensive driving purposes... like if a driver is merging into your lane and doesn't appear to see you. Don't use your horn if you're simply annoyed because you're sitting in traffic. Honking your horn is meant to be used to alert other drivers, not to scold them.

- Don't be afraid to report aggressive drivers to the authorities. You could save a life and prevent road rage from causing a bigger issue.

- If you see a driver with road rage get into an auto accident, be cautious about approaching the vehicle and driver. Stop a safe distance away from them, then call the police to report the incident. Aggressive drivers can be unpredictable and it's important to keep yourself safe.

- If an aggressive driver starts following you, don't go home. Call the police and drive to the nearest police station. You don't want to become the victim of a road rage attack.

- After the incident, go immediately to a safe location and report the crime. For the University Park Campus (UPC) call DPS emergency at (213) 740-4321, for the Health Sciences Campus (HSC) call (323) 442-1000 or the LAPD at 9-1-1.

DPS Also recommends the following:

- Be a good witness: It is important to recall what you observed and provide as many details as possible to law enforcement such as: the sex, race, age, height, hair color, clothing, tattoos, scars of any suspects and a description of the make and model of any vehicle used in the crime and its license plate if possible.

- Do not attempt to apprehend any suspects or perpetrators of crime. Do not walk alone; travel in pairs. Avoid using cell phones or other technology while walking as criminals target inattentive individuals using them.

- Yellow Jackets: In addition to DPS officers who patrol a 2.5 mile radius around USC's campuses, USC contracts with "security ambassadors" to patrol street corners in nearby neighborhoods. This security force wears bright cardinal and yellow jackets so you can easily spot them. If you're off campus and in need of assistance, look for a Yellow Jacket.

- LiveSafe: To immediately contact DPS or 911 with a push of a button on your mobile phone, download the *Trojan Mobile Safety APP "LIVESAFE"* from Google Play or the Apple iTunes Store. For more information regarding LIVESAFE visit <http://usc.edu/mobilesafety>

■ TrojansAlert: Register for USC's emergency notification system *TrojansAlert* to allow university officials to contact you during an emergency by sending messages via text message and email at <https://trojansalert.usc.edu/register.php>.

For further information and tips visit <http://dps.usc.edu/safety-tips/suspicious-activity/robbery/>.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE USC CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Student Health Center (UPC)	(213) 740-9355
Eric Cohen Student Health Center (HSC)	(323) 442-5631
USC Counseling Center (UPC)	(213) 740-7711 for students (213) 743-2770 for faculty and staff
Eric Cohen Counseling Center (HSC)	(323) 442-5631

If you have any questions regarding this crime alert, please contact the Watch Commander in the Department of Public Safety at (213) 740-5523.