

**CRIME ALERT****ALERT #:** CA2018-010**REPORTED OFFENSES:** Robbery**DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE:****INCIDENT #1:** October 14, 2018 at 12:30 A.M. (Case #1804045)**LOCATION:** The 1200 Block of West 37<sup>th</sup> Drive (off campus)

**INCIDENT #1 NARRATIVE:** Victim, a student, was attending a party with friends. While victim was dancing by himself, he was approached by Suspect 1 who demanded his property. As the victim raised his hands, backed up and indicated he did not want trouble, Suspects 2 and 3 got behind the victim, one on his left and the other on his right side and began to grab his wallet which was in his rear pocket. The victim did not resist and the suspects fled the scene.

**SUSPECTS DESCRIPTION:****INCIDENT #1:**

Suspect # 1: is described as male, Black, brown eyes, approximately 5'8, 170 lbs. medium build, dark skinned.

Suspect # 2: is described as a male Black, brown eyes, approximately 6'2, 150 lbs., thin build, dark skinned.

Suspect # 3: is described as a male, Black, brown eyes, dark skinned,

**SUSPECT VEHICLE:** None.**DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE:****INCIDENT #2:** October 14, 2018 at 2:00 A.M. (Case #1804038)**LOCATION:** The 1200 Block of West 37<sup>th</sup> Street (off campus)

**INCIDENT #2 NARRATIVE:** Victim, a student, stated that while he was attending a party with friends he was approached by Suspect 1 (described below) who introduced himself as "Breezie" and began asking the victim his age and what school he attended. The conversation was brief. Approximately 30 minutes later as the victim was leaving the party, he observed Breezie who gestured to him to come over and talk to him. The victim went over to Breezie who then asked the victim if he had Instagram. As the victim reached into his pocket to get his phone, Breezie grabbed the victim's phone and ran off with it.

The victim turned around and told two males standing nearby on his left and right side, later identified as Suspects 2 and 3 (described below) that his phone had been stolen. Suspects 2 and 3 apologized to the victim and then simultaneously reached into the victim's pockets and stole his wallet and keys and then fled the scene.

**INCIDENT #2:**

Suspect #1: Described as male, Black, approximately 5'8/160lbs/19-21 years of age

Suspect #2: Described as male, Black, approximately 6'2/210/19-21 years of age

Suspect #3: Described as male, Black, approximately 5/10/unknown weight/19-21 years of age

**SUSPECT VEHICLE:** None.

**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) indicated in this Crime Alert 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.

**USC Department of Public Safety Recommendations – Robbery**

- **Not every person you meet has good intentions. Be wary of strangers. There is safety in numbers. Keep your friends close.**
- Avoid using cell phones or other technology while walking as criminals target distracted, inattentive individuals using them.
- If you are the victim of a robbery remain calm and ***do not*** resist. Assure the robber you will cooperate and take no action that may jeopardize your safety. Do not make any quick or unexpected movements. Follow the robber's direction, but do not offer more than they ask for. Don't argue with the robber.
- **After the robbery, go immediately to a safe location and report the crime to law enforcement.** 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.
- If you ***observe*** a crime in progress, STAY CALM AND CALL DPS emergency for UPC at (213) 740-4321, for the Health Sciences Campus call (323) 442- 1000 or the LAPD at 9-1-1.
- **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.**

- **Get a Ride**: If you work, study or take classes at night, you don't have to walk to your car or home alone. The USC Campus Cruiser will take you to your destination. If wait periods exceed 15 minutes, calls are automatically outsourced to Lyft, which you can take for free, ensuring you'll never have to wait long for a safe ride home.
- **Blue light emergency phones** are located throughout the University Park and Health Sciences campuses. The phones are connected to the USC Department of Public Safety's 24-hour communications center and identify the phone location if the caller is unable to talk. The phones can be used to request an escort, report suspicious activity, and to report crimes.
- **Security Ambassadors**: 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 Security Ambassador.
- **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 ask for the Watch Commander in the Department of Public Safety at (213) 740-5523.