

**CRIME ALERT****ALERT #:** CA2018-013**REPORTED OFFENSE: ATTEMPT ROBBERY****DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** December 20, 2018, 5:50 PM**LOCATION:** S/E corner 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Vermont Avenue (off campus)**INCIDENT NARRATIVE:** While walking east on the south sidewalk of 29<sup>th</sup> Street from Vermont and holding his cell phone in his hand, the victim (student) was struck from behind and knocked to the ground. The suspect punched the victim and attempted to take his cell phone but was unsuccessful. The suspect then ran to a waiting vehicle being driven by a second suspect and drove away from the scene north on Vermont.**SUSPECT DESCRIPTION:****Suspect #1:** Male, Black, approximately 23, 5-9, 175, “fade” style haircut, wearing a black t-shirt, grey pants or long shorts, white socks and black shoes**Suspect # 2:** Unknown**SUSPECT VEHICLE:** Silver Chevrolet Malibu 4-door sedan, license 8ELZ223, tinted windows, flower design on rear license plate frame

**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**

■ **Get a Ride:** If you work, study or take classes at night, you don’t have to walk to your car or home alone. USC Campus Cruiser offers transportation during the winter break from 5pm to 10pm (<https://transnet.usc.edu/index.php/about-usc-safe-ride-program/>). You can also contact DPS for safe rides after 10pm until 6am daily during the break.

- Be wary of strangers. There is safety in numbers. If walking after dark, travel with a group of friends.
- 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.**
- **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>.



## Department of Public Safety

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.