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**Subject:** CRIME ALERT - July 17, 2005

The USC Department of Public Safety wants you to know about crimes occurring in our community. Informed citizens are better able to ensure their safety as they go about their daily activities.

The following information is provided with your safety in mind.

#### ROBBERY

On Sunday July 17, 2005, at approximately 3:30pm, a suspect entered the residence at the 1110 30th Street. Suspect was confronted by residents inside the location. When asked to leave, the suspect grabbed the victim's purse from her shoulder and began running away. The incident resulted in a struggle between the suspect and the victim over her purse. The suspect was able to gain control of the purse and left the area in a light blue early model pick-up truck.

The victim described the suspect as an African American male, 5'11" in height, 190lbs, wearing a black or gray colored button down shirt, dark pants, with curly hair.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THESE CRIMES, CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AT 740-4321 OR LAPD SOUTHWEST ROBBERY DETECTIVES AT (213) 485-2582.

1. MOST IMPORTANT-BE AWARE. When walking be aware of what is going on around you. Walk assertively. If you look like you know where you are going and what is happening around you, you are less likely to become a target for this type of crime.
2. Do not walk or travel alone, especially after dark. Ask a friend to walk or ride with you to your car or residence. If you walk with someone, make sure you wait for them to get inside before you leave. If you don't have anyone to walk with call for an escort. The USC Campus Cruiser (740-4911) will send an escort to give you a ride or walk you to your car between 5 P.M. and dawn.
3. When you go jogging, use the track or pick a route inside the campus where there is less traffic. This will reduce the potential of becoming the victim of an act such as the one described above.
4. Trust your instincts. If something "feels wrong" (with a person, a building, a situation, etc.), something probably is wrong. Even if you don't know why you are uncomfortable, change your plans, move away from the person, get out of the area; whatever is necessary to make the feeling go away.
5. If you feel like you are being followed stay in well-lighted areas and go into a building where there are other people such as a store or restaurant. If these aren't available, join a group of people and ask them to walk with you until it is safe.
6. Know the locations of the Emergency Phones (phones outside will have a blue light on top).
7. Report Suspicious Activity. If you see a person who is acting suspiciously or some type of activity that doesn't look right, or feel like you're being followed, call Public Safety immediately. Call 740-4321 to report a crime in progress, suspicious people, or suspicious activity.

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PUBLIC SAFETY - EMERGENCY 740-4321  
Public Safety - Non-Emergency 740-6000  
USC Campus Cruiser (Escort Service) 740-4911  
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