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Subject: CRIME ALERT

On Tuesday, March 1st at approximately 9:10 PM, an armed suspect approached a male student in front of 1141 W. 28th St. The suspect approached the victim from across the street. As the suspect approached the victim, he displayed a blue steel semi automatic handgun. The suspect demanded the victim's property and victim complied. The suspect then fled the location on foot. The suspect is described as a Male, Black, 5' 8" tall, 140 lbs, 23-25 years old and wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt jacket.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THESE CRIMES, CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AT 740-4321 OR LAPD SOUTHWEST DIVISION AT 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. Report Suspicious Activity. If you see a person who is acting suspiciously or some type of activity that doesn't look right, call Public Safety immediately. Call 740-4321, to report a crime in progress, suspicious people or activity.
3. When 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.
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-lit areas and go into a building where there are other people such as a store, restaurant or office building. 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. 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.