

PUBLIC SAFETY CRIME ALERT

2005-10 June 29, 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/KIDNAP

At about 1:45am on Wednesday, June 29, 2005 a male student was walking to his apartment in the 1200 block of W. 37th Pl... As the student approached 37th and Catalina St. he was confronted by a lone suspect wearing a dark colored hooded sweat shirt that pointed a blue-steel semi-auto handgun at him and demanded money. The student gave the suspect twenty (\$20.00) dollars. The suspect then ordered the male student to walk with him to the AM/PM mini market ATM at Exposition and Vermont Ave. to get additional money, and if the student did not cooperate with him the suspect would shoot him. The ATM machine at Expo and Vermont was unavailable, so the student suggested they go to the ATM on Campus at Café-84. The suspect accompanied the student to the Café-84 ATM where he withdrew eighty (\$80.00) and gave it to the suspect. Suspect then ordered the student to accompany him to 32nd street Market and then to the 7-eleven at Adams and Figueroa Str, where the student purchased the suspect a

pack of cigarettes. The suspect then fled north on Figueroa Street.

The victim described the suspect as a Hispanic male, in his mid-20's, 5'8" tall, 140lbs, wearing a dark colored hooded sweat shirt, dark pants, a shaved head, and small goatee.

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.

SAFETY TIPS

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. When you go jogging, use the track or pick a route inside the campus where

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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 or suspicious people or activity.

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