




Columbia College Chicago

Office of Campus Safety & Security

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Columbia College Chicago Community:

Please see the attached Community Alert distributed on today's date by Roosevelt University. The persons involved in the below incidents do not have any known affiliation with Columbia College Chicago.



COMMUNITY ALERT

The Campus Safety Department at Roosevelt University wants to remind you of some very important and basic safety tips. Although Chicago's South Loop is well patrolled by the Chicago Police Department, crime can occur at any time. The Office of Campus Safety was made aware of the following incidents:

Date Reported: Thursday, October 13, 2016

Date Occurred: Sunday, October 9, 2016

Location: Harrison Red Line Station

Type of Incidents: Robbery and Attempted Abduction

Incident: In the first incident, at approximately 1:00 a. m., the victim had gotten off of the Harrison Red Line stop and was headed up the platform stairs when two men in their mid-twenties stopped him on the staircase. The man in front of him pressed a gun to his chest while the man behind him demanded his cell phone, made him unlock it and erase his Apple ID.

During the second incident, the victim was grabbed by two men who attempted to drag her into a nearby building at approximately 11:00 p. m. near the same location.

Both victims have filed police reports with the Chicago Police Department.

Suggested Precautions:

- Beware of your surroundings at all times
- Avoid using your cell phone or headphones while walking the streets as they can be a distraction and make you a target for thieves
- If possible, do not walk or jog alone, especially at night
- Try to travel in groups. If you must travel alone, especially during night hours – take a cab
- Immediately call 911 to report suspicious persons or activity
- If someone displays a weapon or starts to shoot, take immediate cover
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable, immediately proceed to the nearest well-lit, populated area (this may be an open restaurant, apartment building, store or business) and ask for help or call 911

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