



September 6, 2017

Columbia College Chicago Community:

The Chicago Police Department is currently investigating the robbery of several Columbia College Chicago students that occurred near the Adler Planetarium on September 5, 2017 at approximately 8:30 p.m. The students were approached by the offenders who implied they had a weapon and took their belongings. Chicago Police Detectives questioned a person of interest in this case. In addition, the Chicago Police Department is investigating incidents of pickpocketing of students along the CTA Red Line.

Anyone with information related to any of these incidents should contact Campus Security and the Chicago Police Department Area Central Detective Division at 312-747-8384 referencing police report JA 420321 (in the lakefront robbery case).

Precautions:

- Always be in a full state of awareness of individuals around you and your surroundings.
- Contact 911 in life safety emergencies.
- Report suspicious persons or activity to Campus Security.
- Program the Campus Security emergency number 312-369-1111, in your telephone.
- Activate tracking software on your computers and telephones.
- Buddy-Up and avoid walking or traveling alone.
- Seek immediate shelter in a public establishment if an individual exhibits suspicious behavior, follows you or if you feel they have criminal intent.

Campus Security and the Dean of Students are co-presenting "*Kick @\$*" personal safety seminars. These seminars are designed to help students navigate the campus and City with confidence, repel an attack with self-defense techniques, understand the effects of trauma and discover on campus resources for support and safety. Upcoming sessions will be held on September 7 from 5 pm to 6 pm; October 18 from 5 pm to 6 pm; and, November 16 from 12 pm to 1 pm. All three sessions will be held in the Loft at 916 S. Wabash, 4th Floor.

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