November 20, 2019

Columbia College Chicago Community:

**Crime Advisory**
The Chicago Police Department is investigating an incident that occurred at approximately 1601 South State Street on November 20, 2019 at 11:10 a.m. The victim was seated in a bus stop enclosure when the offender approached and grabbed the victim’s cell phone from their hand and fled to a waiting vehicle. The vehicle fled eastbound on 16th Street.

The offender was described as a male, African-American, 16 to 17 years of age, 5 foot 8 to 5 foot 10 inches, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and black pants.

The vehicle was described as a brown sedan.

Anyone with additional information about the incident should contact Campus Security at 312-369-3220 and the Chicago Police Department Area Central Detective Division at 312-747-8384 referencing police report JC-517503.

**General Safety Precautions**
• Remain alert.
• Buddy-up: travel in groups through well-lit and high-traffic areas after dark.
• Seek immediate shelter in a public establishment if you feel unsafe.
• Call 911 for suspicious public street activity and all life-safety emergencies.
• Inform Campus Security of any crime or safety concern.
• Activate tracking software on computers and telephones.
• Utilize resilient bicycle locks.
• Do not engage in financial transactions with individuals on the street that you do not know.

**Self-Defense Workshops**
Self-defense classes are presented in the Student Center’s Fitness Center on Fridays from 6–7:30 p.m.

**Evening Security Escort Program**
Columbia provides an after-hours Security Escort Program that is available seven days
a week from 6 p.m.–1 a.m. during the Fall and Spring semesters. Learn more about how to use the Security Escort Program.

_If you See Something, Say Something._

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