

January 24, 2025

Columbia College Chicago Community:

Crime Advisory

The Chicago Police Department is investigating an incident that occurred on January 23, 2025, at 10:15 p.m.

An offender entered an unoccupied running vehicle at 37 W. Van Buren Street. The offender took the vehicle without consent and drove west on Van Buren Street and then north on Dearborn Street.

Anyone with additional information should contact Campus Security at 312-369-3220 and the Chicago Police Department Detectives at 312-746-8263 reference JJ-125160.

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 immediately if you are a victim or witness to a crime and provide a detailed description of the offender(s) including any physical/clothing identifiers in addition to any vehicle description and license plate information.
- If approached by a witness to an incident, request they remain on scene when possible or obtain contact information.
- Never pursue a fleeing assailant, provide information to the police.
- Inform Campus Security of any crime or safety concern.

Evening SafeRide Program

Columbia provides an after-hours SafeRide Program that is available seven days a week from 6 p.m.–1 a.m. Learn more about how to use the [SafeRide Program](#).

Chicago OEMC App

For City safety and preparedness at your fingertips, download the free Chicago OEMC App which includes a safe walk feature that lets you share your location with friends and family so they can monitor you until you make it safely to your destination. If needed, you can click the panic button to call 9-1-1 and your contact will have your exact location. The app is now available through the Apple App and Google Play stores. To immediately download: [OEMC app](#) or visit the website Chicago.gov/OEMC.

TipSubmit

Submit a tip anonymously to the Chicago Police Department regarding a crime or suspicious activity. In this submission you can include photos or videos related to the tip, involved suspects, involved vehicles, and a general description of the crime or suspicious activity: [TipSubmit](#).

If You See Something, Say Something.

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