January 12, 2019

Columbia College Chicago Community:

Crime Advisory

The Chicago Police Department is conducting a death investigation for an incident that occurred at 24 E. Ida B. Wells on January 11 at 9:50 p.m. Two individuals reportedly exited the Hostel and engaged in a physical altercation. One of the individuals succumbed. Neither individual has any known affiliation with Columbia.

A person of interest is described as a male; dark complexion; 6 feet, slender build wearing all black clothing and a black baseball cap with white lettering. The subject had a backpack with a white stripe.

Anyone with additional information related to this 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 113580.

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.

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, January and Spring terms. Learn more about how to use the Security Escort Program.

If you See Something, Say Something.

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