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Columbia College Chicago Community:

**Crime Advisory**

Chicago police are investigating the robbery and stabbing of a Columbia College student late Wednesday night (March 6) in Grant Park. The student told police that she was walking near 100 E. Ida B. Wells Drive when a man approached her from behind, pulled her hair, and demanded money. She said she had no cash but gave the assailant a debit card, and that the robber then stabbed her and fled eastbound. The victim made her way on foot to the University Center at 525 S. State and police were called. She was transported to Northwestern Hospital where she was being treated early this morning for non-life-threatening injuries, and has spoken with her mother. Columbia Safety and Security and Student Affairs personnel were with her at the hospital.

Chicago police describe the suspect as a heavyset black male, six feet tall, between 25-30 years of age, with short hair, wearing a green puffy jacket and blue jeans. Anyone with information related to this incident should contact Campus Security at 312-369-3220 and the Chicago Police Department Area Central Detective Division at 312-747-8380 referencing police report JC-176250.

**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 concerns.
• 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 and Spring semesters. [Learn more about how to use the Security Escort Program.](#)

If you See Something, Say Something.

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