



April 19, 2019

Columbia College Chicago Community:

Crime Advisory

Today Columbia Campus Safety and Security was informed of two criminal incidents involving cellphones.

1. On April 18, at approximately 7:32 p.m., on State and Harrison, an offender grabbed the victim's cellphone with force and fled. The offender was described as an African-American male, approximately 5' 7" tall, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with the words, "Just Do It," written on the front. 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-229619.
2. On April 18, at approximately 9:45 p.m., in the 1100 block of Wabash, an offender grabbed the victim's cellphone and fled. The offender was described as an African-American male, 19 to 20 years old, with short black hair. 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-229648.

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.

Kick @\$ Self-Defense Workshops

Campus Security and Student Services are co-presenting "Kick @\$" personal safety workshops. These workshops 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. The next workshop will be held on May 3 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. at The Loft, 916 S. Wabash Avenue, 4th floor. Workshops are open to all students, faculty, and staff. [View the full schedule here.](#)

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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