February 7, 2020

Columbia College Chicago Community:

Crime Advisory

On February 6, 2020 at approximately 12:00 p.m. on South Wabash Avenue (between Ida B. Wells and Jackson) a victim was approached by a stranger and struck in the shoulder. The offender then walked southbound on Wabash Avenue.

The offender was described as a male, African-American, 5’ 8” – 5’10”, 40 years of age, a low black/grey beard and brown eyes. The offender was wearing a black jacket with a blue hoodie underneath, grey jeans and Nike gym shoes.

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 will be presented in the Student Center's Fitness Center on Mondays from 6–7:30 p.m. during the Spring Semester.

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. Learn more about how to use the Security Escort Program.

If you See Something, Say Something.

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