



CRIME ALERT

2011-004

This crime alert is about a number of armed robberies that have occurred off campus and are believed to be related. The victims are not affiliated with Carnegie Mellon, but due to the nature and location of the incidents, we are advising our community.

Incident One

On Wednesday, August 24, at 11:10 p.m., a robbery occurred in the 200 block of Semple St. near Bates Street in Oakland. Two suspects described as black males, approximately 20 years of age with thin builds, robbed the victim at gunpoint. Following the robbery, the suspects fled on foot toward McKee Place.

Incident Two

On Thursday, August 25, at 12:38 a.m., a robbery occurred near 5600 Darlington Rd., close to St. Edmunds Church in Squirrel Hill. Three suspects described as black males, approximately 20 years of age and 5'10" tall, robbed the victim. Two suspects were described as having thin builds and one was described as weighing about 200 lbs.

Incident Three

On Thursday, August 25, at 12:23 a.m., a robbery occurred near 278 North Bellefield Ave., past the Webster Hall Apartments near Centre Ave. Three suspects robbed the victim at gunpoint. The suspects were described as black males, approximately 20 years of age and 5'10" to 6'2" tall with thin builds.

The victims in these incidents were not injured, but due to the frequency of these events and presence of weapons, we are encouraging our community members to avoid walking unnecessarily late at night until the suspects are apprehended.

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, CMU and Pitt Police are investigating these incidents, which are being given the highest priority.

Incidents such as these highlight the necessity to be cautious and alert to your surroundings at all times.

Prevention and Safety Tips:

- Use CMU's Shuttle/Escort Service if at all possible (<http://www.cmu.edu/police/shuttleandescort/>)
- Do not walk alone at night.
- Do not walk with earphones that impede your ability to hear around you.
- Do not carry large sums of cash or valuables with you.
- Do not resist if being robbed.
- Report any suspicious incidents, persons or vehicles to Campus Police at 412-268-2323 or to the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police at 911.

**Chief Tom Ogden
University Police**