This crime alert is to inform the university community about a robbery at the intersection of Fifth Ave. and North Neville St. The victim is affiliated with CMU.

At approximately 11:30 p.m., Saturday, May 16, the victim was walking on Fifth Ave. near North Neville St. As the victim turned onto North Neville, the suspect approached the victim asking for directions. When the victim responded, the suspect placed the victim in a “bear hug” and attempted to take her purse. The victim fell to the ground and began screaming for help. The suspect fled on foot toward Fifth Ave. The victim was not physically injured.

The suspect is described as a black male, between 20 and 30 years of age, 180 lbs., stocky build, and clean shaven with long black braided hair. The suspect was wearing a black “hoodie type” sweatshirt.

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police is investigating this incident.

Prevention and Safety Tips:

- Stay alert to your surroundings at all times.
- Use the University Shuttle/Escort Service when possible. ([http://www.cmu.edu/police/shuttleandescort/](http://www.cmu.edu/police/shuttleandescort/))
- Stay close to friends and do not interact with strangers.
- Do not approach suspicious persons or vehicles.
- Avoid using devices that impair your hearing or sight while walking.
- Report any suspicious incidents, persons or vehicles to Campus Police at 412-268-2323, or off campus to the Pittsburgh Police at 911.

Chief Tom Ogden
University Police