This crime alert is to inform the university community about a robbery that occurred off campus at the intersection of Fifth and Wilkins avenues.

At approximately 1:45 a.m. today (Friday, Sept. 16), a Carnegie Mellon student was walking on Fifth near Wilkins when she was approached by the suspect who exited a car traveling along Wilkins. The suspect grabbed the victim and tackled her to the ground, demanded her purse, and grabbed her cellphone from her hand. The suspect then placed a stun gun or Taser-type device on her shoulder and activated it, but the victim was not shocked by the device. The suspect then got back into the vehicle waiting nearby, which was being operated by another individual. They fled the scene westbound onto Fifth at a high rate of speed.

The victim described the suspect as a black male, 6’ tall, wearing a dark-colored t-shirt and jeans. She described the vehicle as a white or silver Mercedes Benz or Acura. No further description was available. The victim was not injured.

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police is investigating this incident with the assistance of the CMU Police Department.

Prevention and Safety Tips:

- Stay alert to your surroundings at all times.
- Use the University Shuttle/Escort Service when possible.
- 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 CMU Police at 412-268-2323, or off campus to the Pittsburgh Police at 911.

Chief Tom Ogden
University Police