SAFETY ALERT

2016-002

This safety alert is to inform the university community about an attempted robbery that occurred off campus in the Squirrel Hill section of Pittsburgh.

At approximately 8:20 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, a CMU student was walking south on Murray Ave. near Phillips St. when he noticed a man following him. The man attempted to put his arm around the student’s head and throat and said he wanted his bag. The student was able to pull away from the suspect and escape uninjured.

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 system when possible.
- (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 CMU Police at 412-268-2323, or off campus to the Pittsburgh Police at 911.

Chief Tom Ogden
University Police