This crime alert is about a serious incident that occurred off campus, in Shadyside, where many Carnegie Mellon University students reside.

On Wednesday, July 6, 2011, between 2:00 and 2:30 a.m., a CMU student was sleeping in a hammock on his front porch in the 5900 block of Elwood Street (between S. Highland Ave. and College Ave.), when he was physically attacked by an unknown suspect. The victim was punched repeatedly in the face and believes that he lost consciousness during the ensuing struggle. Following the attack, the victim, who suffered minor injuries, discovered that his keys and several other personal items were stolen.

The suspect is described as an African-American male, 6' tall with a dark complexion, unshaven and with short hair styled in cornrows. No other information is currently available.

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police is investigating this incident.

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

Prevention and Safety Tips:

* Be cautious and alert to your surroundings at all times.
* Do not sleep outside.
* Do not leave valuables in plain view on a front porch or visible from the street through windows or doors.
* 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