This crime alert is to inform the university community about an off-campus robbery that occurred at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and North Craig St. The victim is not affiliated with CMU.

At approximately 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, the victim was sitting on the stairwell in front of St. Paul’s Cathedral with her purse on her lap. The suspect approached her from behind, grabbed her purse breaking the strap, and fled on foot with the purse northbound on North Craig St. The victim was not injured.

The suspect is described as a black male, age 18 to 25 years old, 5’9” tall with short hair and wearing a black and gray Steelers hoodie and black sweat pants.

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/)
- Use SafeWalk when possible. (http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/student-life/student-organizations-and-programs/safewalk/)
- 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