This crime alert is to inform the university community about a robbery that occurred immediately adjacent to our campus.

At approximately 2 P.M. Sunday, October 15, 2017, a purse snatching occurred on Forbes Ave at Beeler St. near the East Campus Garage. The suspect grabbed a purse from an elderly woman and fled on foot toward Margaret Morrison St. A number of bystanders assisted the victim and some pursued the suspect on foot and on bicycle. The suspect dropped the purse and continued to flee on foot up Forbes Ave. and escaped capture. The victim was uninjured.

The suspect is described as a male, in his early twenties, wearing a blue hoodie, black pants and black and white athletic shoes.

General Prevention and Safety Tips:

- Stay alert to your surroundings at all times.
- Do not fight with an assailant who attempts to steal your belongings.
- Stay close to friends and do not interact with strangers.
- Do not approach suspicious persons or vehicles.
- 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