SAFETY ALERT

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This safety alert is to inform the university community about two recent off-campus robberies that we were just made aware of today. The victims are not affiliated with CMU, but the incident locations are proximate to campus.

Incident one:

On Friday, July 27, at approximately 6:30 a.m., the victim was walking on Parkview Ave. near Swinburne St. when the individual was approached by a vehicle. Three men exited the car and attacked the victim. Once forced to the ground and repeatedly assaulted, the suspects went through the victim’s pockets and stole a phone, keys, and cash. The suspects then fled in a silver Toyota Corolla. The victim later sought medical treatment.

Incident two:

On Friday, July 27, at approximately 7:15 a.m., the victim was walking on Joncaire St. toward South Bouquet St. when the individual was grabbed from behind and thrown to the ground by a man. Two other men then joined him and rifled through the victim’s pockets. A wallet, phone, keys, and other items were stolen. The three suspects fled to a silver Toyota Corolla parked a short distance away and drove off on Joncaire St. toward South Neville St. The victim received minor injuries.

The description of the suspects that the victims provided to the police:

1. Male, in his 20s, 6’2” tall, weighing 190 lbs., wearing a black shirt, black hat, trimmed beard, and black thick-framed eye glasses.
2. Male, in his 30s, 5’9” tall, weighing 210 lbs. wearing khaki cargo shorts and a grey t-shirt.
3. Male, in his 20s, 5’8” tall, weighing 170 lbs., wearing a t-shirt and shorts.

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police and University of Pittsburgh Police are investigating the incidents.

General Prevention and Safety Tips:

- Stay alert to your surroundings at all times.
- 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