Today, the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police provided the university with an intelligence briefing about a number of armed robberies that have occurred recently off campus. This safety alert is to inform the university community about these incidents.

- On Wednesday, August 29, at 10 p.m., the victim, a CMU affiliate, was walking in the area of St. James Street and Pembroke Place. The suspect, who was wearing a “Scream” Halloween mask, brandished a black handgun and demanded the victim’s wallet, cell phone, and account PIN number. The suspect fled on foot. The victim further described the suspect as 6’ tall, average build and wearing a black hoody or shirt.
- On Monday, September 17, at 9:52 p.m., the victim, a non-affiliate, was walking in the area of South Highland Avenue and Walnut Street. The suspect, who was wearing a “Scream” Halloween mask, ran up behind the victim and grabbed her phone and demanded her wallet. He brandished a black handgun. The suspect fled on foot.
- On Monday, September 17, five minutes after the robbery described above, a suspect wearing a “Scream” mask approached a second victim from behind on South Highland Avenue near the Walnut Street business district. He pointed a black handgun at her and demanded her phone, purse and backpack. The victim is a non-affiliate. The suspect fled on foot. No additional description is available.

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police is investigating these 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.
- Use the University Shuttle/Escort Service when possible.
- Report any suspicious incidents, persons or vehicles to CMU Police at 412-268-2323, or off campus to the Pittsburgh Police at 911.

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