This safety alert is to inform the CMU community about an apparent off-campus attempted robbery that occurred at 12:20 a.m. today, September 19. The victim is affiliated with CMU.

The victim reported to CMU and Pittsburgh Police that as he was walking on Ellsworth and Summerlea avenues in Shadyside, he noticed a grey sedan parked at the “Fuel On” convenience store. A male suspect exited the passenger side of the car and approached the victim, asking him what he had in his pockets. The victim feared for his safety and ran as the suspect moved closer to him. The suspect continued to yell at the victim but did not continue to pursue him. No weapon was seen during the incident. A female subject was sitting in the driver’s seat of the car, but never exited the vehicle.

The suspect is described as a male, 6’ tall, wearing a dark t-shirt, dark shorts and a dark ball cap turned backward. The other occupant of the vehicle is described as a female with shoulder length hair wearing a pink-colored jacket. The vehicle involved is described as a newer grey sedan with Pennsylvania registration plates.

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police is investigating the incident.

GENERAL SAFETY AND PREVENTION TIPS

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Travel with friends and do not interact with strangers.
- Do not approach suspicious vehicles.
- Immediately call CMU Police at 412-268-2323 or Pittsburgh Police at 9-1-1 if you witness a crime or see anything suspicious.

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