CAL STATE LA PUBLIC SAFETY

Timely Warning Crime Bulletin: Robbery

This Timely Warning Bulletin is being issued in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act. The purpose is to provide information to the campus community that will prevent others from becoming the victim of a similar crime.

Summary: On Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at approximately 4:56 p.m., it was reported to the Department of Public Safety that a cell phone robbery had taken place on Paseo Rancho Castilla, near the intersection of Eastern Ave. and State University Dr. The victim was approached by the perpetrator near a local business and the two engaged in small talk. The perpetrator followed the victim as he began walking back to campus. The perpetrator then demanded the victim's cell phone and a scuffle ensued. The perpetrator took the cell phone and ran towards the neighborhood adjacent to the campus.

Perpetrator(s): Male, Latino, approximately 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs about 135 pounds, with a tattoo of red lips on his neck. Last seen wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and gray shorts.

If you have any information regarding this crime, please contact Detective Vargas at 323-343-3700 or call the Victim/Witness Assistance Line, available 24-hours a day, at 323-343-3756.

Safety Tips:

- Maintain a sense of awareness when walking alone, especially when using your cell phone or listening to music.
- If you suspect you are being followed, stay away from dimly lit areas and head for a building or area that you know to be open. Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable about someone near you, head for a populated area and locate a campus emergency phone or call the Department of Public Safety from your cell phone at 343-343-3700.
- Request a free escort from Eagle Patrol when walking on campus by calling the Department of Public Safety at 323343-3700.
- If you are approached by someone displaying a weapon or demanding your property, it is recommended that you comply with the request and not resist.

We encourage all students, faculty, and staff to download the free Rave Guardian mobile app to access valuable campus resources, including the ability to anonymously report suspicious activity to the Department of Public Safety. Search for Rave Guardian in the app store (iPhone or Android) on your mobile device. Download the app, follow the prompts, and enter your phone number and Cal State LA email.

Department of Public Safety: 323-343-3700
IF YOU ENCOUNTER PERSONS INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, DIAL 9-1-1

(This is a University-wide email. Please do not reply.)

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