Crime Alert: Thefts Occurred near Campus

On November 30th at 12:06am a female was walking with a friend on the sidewalk of University Ave. near the entrance to campus when three men approached her. Suspect #1 grabbed the victim's purse and a struggle occurred. The victim released her purse and the three suspects ran to a nearby waiting silver 4 door vehicle and drove away. Officers checked the area, but could not find the suspects. The victim was not seriously injured.

Suspect #1: Described as a Hispanic male, 20 years old, about 5'6" tall, dark hair, wearing a dark hoodie. The other two suspects and the driver of the car could not be described.

On November 29th at about 6:45pm, a victim was walking in the parking lot of 1242 University Ave. when a subject asked to use the victim's cell phone. The victim dialed a number for the suspect and handed him the phone. The suspect took the phone and ran away towards Iowa Ave.

Suspect: Described as a Black male, about 25 years old, 5'5" tall, average build, dark braided hair, with a scar on his left cheek and an unknown tattoo on the front of his neck. He was wearing a grey t-shirt over a white long sleeve shirt and dark jeans.

The City of Riverside Police Department is investigating leads in both of these crimes.