Recent Robberies on or Near the UCR Campus

Over the past several weeks, UCPD and the Riverside Police Department have investigated a series of robberies and attempted robberies, all of which have occurred in the City of Riverside except for the most recent occurrence on 1/27/12 at about 5:00pm in the parking lot of the University Extension building. The victims have been both affiliates and non-affiliates of the campus. Witnesses and victims have provided a range of descriptions of the suspects, as well as a variety of approaches; the suspects have used force ranging from grabbing the victim’s property and running to pointing a firearm. In most cases, the suspect was not alone and was normally found working in conjunction with at least one other person. In a majority of the incidents, the victim was using or carrying openly at least one item of value that was stolen (Such as a lap top, tablet PC, smartphone and similar items). Detectives from both agencies are actively investigating these crimes; patrol officers and the University Neighborhood Enhancement Team members (UNET) have increased their enforcement activities in and around the campus properties.

We encourage all students, faculty and staff to visit the department’s crime prevention webpage at: http://police.ucr.edu/prevention.html. There you will find tips and techniques for protecting yourself, as well as your property. We are also asking all students, staff and faculty to remain vigilant, even when off campus. If you see something suspicious or strange, please call the UC Police Department at (951) 827-5222 when on campus, or The Riverside Police Department at (951) 787-7911 when off campus.

*It is the duty of the University of California Police Department to warn of possible dangerous conditions on or near the campus. This message is being sent in compliance with the “Timely Notice” provisions of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998.*