Crime Alert: Off-Campus Attempted Kidnapping

On January 4, 2024, at about 10:00 pm, Riverside Police Department personnel responded to the Core at Sycamore Highlands Apartments at 5946 Sycamore Canyon Blvd regarding an attempted kidnapping. The victim told responding officers that they were grabbed from behind but managed to escape when another person intervened.

The suspect was described by the victim as a Black male adult, between 30 and 40 years old, about 5'6" tall and with a medium build (A surveillance video clip of the suspect can be viewed at: https://youtu.be/zzNvn8rRiQE).

Riverside Police Detectives are investigating this crime. Anyone with additional information relevant to this investigation is urged to contact Detective William McGuigan at (951) 353-7103 or WMcGuigan@RiversideCA.gov, or Detective Mike Smith at MikeSmith@RiversideCA.gov or (951) 826-8728. Those wishing to remain anonymous can email RPDTips@RiversideCA.gov, or download and use the Riverside Police Department's "Atlas 1" mobile app by utilizing the "Send a Message" feature. Our app can be downloaded at:

- *iOS Atlas 1 App:* https://apps.apple.com/us/app/atlas-1/id1509528933
- *Android Atlas 1 App:* https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=app.atlasone

Please note that these apps and their services will connect you with the Riverside Police Department and not UC Riverside Police and Campus Safety.

The UC Riverside Police Department would like to remind the campus community to:
1. Dial 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency
2. For non-emergencies, program the UCRPD 24-hour phone number into your cell phone: 951-827-5222
3. Always be alert and aware of your surroundings
4. Report any suspicious activity to the police
5. Do not leave doors to buildings propped open
6. Secure your residence by locking all windows and doors
7. Keep curtains, blinds, shades closed during hours of darkness
8. Avoid poorly-lit or deserted areas when walking at night
9. Report damaged or insufficient lighting to maintenance personnel