

Subject: Timely Warning - Armed Robbery and Attempted Robberies On and Near Campus

Incident Date: October 23, 2026

The UC Riverside Police Department is notifying the campus community of three reported incidents involving an armed suspect with similar descriptions, on and near campus on October 23, 2026.

Reported Incidents:

At approximately 7:42 p.m., near the Islamic Academy of Riverside, 1038 W. Linden Street, a suspect reportedly took money from a victim at gunpoint. This incident is being investigated by the Riverside Police Department.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., near Canyon Crest Drive and Blaine Street, close to the Stonehaven Apartments, a UCR student was walking when they were approached by a similarly described suspect carrying a handgun. The suspect demanded the student's belongings. The student fled, and the suspect took no property. This incident is being investigated by the Riverside Police Department.

At approximately 8:40 p.m., in UCR Parking Lot 27, three UCR students were walking when they noticed an armed suspect behind them. The students fled in separate directions and the suspect followed one of the students who noticed a handgun and a knife in the waistband of the suspect. The suspect ultimately fled through Lot 27, without taking any property. UCRPD is currently investigating this incident.

Suspect Description:

Similar descriptions and timing suggest the incidents are likely related; however, that connection has not been confirmed. The suspect was described as a male adult, approximately 20–30 years old, wearing a black ski mask, black hoodie, and black skinny jeans, possibly with rhinestones on the thigh area, and carrying a handgun in his left waistband and a knife in his right waistband. The suspect was also reported to be riding an e-scooter away from the area.

Safety Information:

If you see someone displaying a weapon or engaging in threatening behavior, move to a safe location and call 911. Do not approach or follow the person. If confronted by an armed person, prioritize your safety over property. Avoid sudden movements or attempts to physically resist. Stay aware of your surroundings, particularly when walking at night. When possible, use well-lit routes and travel with others and utilize the UCPD Safe Ride program

by calling 951-827-5222. When reporting an incident, provide the location, behavior observed, description, weapons seen, and direction of travel.

Anyone with information about these incidents is encouraged to contact UCRPD at 951-827-5222. For an emergency or a crime in progress, call 911.

