



CRIME ALERT – ISSUED BY:
PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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4040 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
Emergencies: 215/573.3333
Special Services: 215/898.6600
<http://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu>

*****ANYONE WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE BELOW INCIDENTS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT, BY CALLING 911*****

THE PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT HAS ASKED THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS, TO FORWARD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC.

The special victims unit is investigating a possible pattern of three robberies and sexual assaults of women occurring in the ninth police district between Wednesday, November 22nd and Thursday, November 23rd at the following three locations:

- 1) 1700 Folsom Street
- 2) 2400 Walnut Street
- 3) 2500 Spruce Street

The description of the suspect is similar for all three incidents:

- ⇒ African American male, early to mid-30s to 40 years-old, thin-build, light-to-medium complexion, between 5'8" – 5'10"
- ⇒ In two of the incidents, suspect was armed with handgun; the third incident, suspect indicated that he had a handgun but was not seen by the complainant.
- ⇒ In each incident, the suspect approached the complainant, who was walking in each location alone, (at point-of-gun for the first two incidents) and demanded money.
- ⇒ After the complainant gave the suspect money, the suspect reached into the complainants' pockets or underneath the complainant's dress and indecently assaulted each woman, and then fled on foot.

FROM PENN'S DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

- ⇒ In light of this recent pattern of events, Philadelphia Police (PPD) and University of Pennsylvania Police (UPPD) are also investigating a robbery, point-of-gun, at 6:50am, of a female Penn student that occurred on November 18th, 2006, on the 3200 block of South Street, as being possibly connected to the incidents detailed above. Although the incident reported in Penn's patrol zone was not a sexual assault, given the proximity in location to the other incidents, and a reported similar method of operation and physical description of the suspect, PPD and UPPD are not ruling out the possibility that the perpetrator may be the same in all four incidents.

SAFETY REMINDER

- ⇒ Please remember to utilize the safety and security services offered by Penn's Division of Public Safety and the University City District, which includes:
 - Walking Escorts: 215/898.WALK (Walking Escort boundaries extend from 30th Street – 50th Street, Spring Garden Street to Woodland Avenue)
 - Penn Transit: 215/898.RIDE (6pm-3am: *On-call for emergencies, 3am-7am; boundaries are: 50th Street – 20th Street and Spring Garden Street to Woodland Avenue – <http://www.upenn.edu/transportation>)
 - UPPD Detective Unit: 215/898.4485
- ⇒ The Division of Public Safety is responsible for providing comprehensive safety and security services for all areas comprising the Penn Patrol Zone, which includes 30th Street to 43rd Street, on the east-west border, and Market Street to Baltimore Avenue, on the north-south border.