

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 INCIDENT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA POLICE DEPARTMENT BY CALLING 511 FROM A CAMPUS PHONE, 215-573-3333 FROM OFF-CAMPUS OR CELL PHONES, OR FROM ANY BLUE LIGHT EMERGENCY PHONE.*****

A tactical task force, comprising both University of Pennsylvania Police Department and Philadelphia Police Department personnel, and supported by Drexel, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Allied Barton Security and University City District Safety Ambassadors has been developed to address this pattern. Both covert and overt police patrols are being used. Additionally, the Division of Public Safety is utilizing virtual video patrols in the targeted area.

ROBBERY PATTERN

Since November 9, 2006, a robbery pattern has emerged mostly on the western end of the Penn patrol boundaries. The following six robberies and one investigation of person may have been committed by the same individual. Some of the common elements of these robberies are:

- ⇒ All the victims are female and college-age.
- ⇒ The weapon being used by the suspect is a screwdriver.
- ⇒ The descriptions of the suspect are all very similar:
 - Male, late 20s to early 30s, medium-to-dark complexion with short hair, between 5'4" and 5'8," approximately 140-150 lbs., wearing a dark/black thigh-length puffy-type jacket or coat, light-colored shirt and white sneakers
- ⇒ The suspect may also have a vehicle parked in the area, which is dark in color, four-door, possibly an Oldsmobile or Buick.
- ⇒ The geographic boundaries in which these crimes have occurred extend from: 40th to 48th Streets, and Pine to Baltimore; additionally, one incident occurred in the 3400 block of Baring Street.

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.

CRIME ALERT

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