CRIME ADVISORY
Coral Gables Campus

Offense: Strong-arm robbery (backpack snatching)

Date and Time of Offense: April 29th, 2015, at approximately 02:00 AM

Location: 5200 Brunson Ave. (Parking lot East of the Centrex Building)

Coral Gables Police Dept. Case Number: 15 - 3343

Subject Information: Dark-skinned male, medium build. Last seen wearing a red and gray colored cap, dark-colored T-shirt, gray sweatpants, and dark sneakers with a dark-colored backpack on his back.

Event Description: A UM student reported to police that she was walking to her vehicle in the parking lot near the Panhellenic and Centrex buildings when the offender came from behind and snatched the student’s backpack from her by force. With the property, the offender immediately fled into campus, where he was able to elude the student. UMPD first responders setup a perimeter in the immediate area, but were unable to locate the offender.

UMPD has increased patrols in the area and is actively investigating this incident at this time.

Prevention Tips:

- Travel with a friend(s) whenever possible--especially after dark. University police can provide safety escorts around the clock by calling 305-284-6666.
- The Safe Ride, an on-demand University transit system, is available from Thursday night to Sunday night, 10pm to 3am, by calling 305-298-6128.
- Avoid distractions while walking, such as texting, talking on a cell phone, or reading, so you can better monitor your surroundings. This includes the use of ear-buds and headphones, which can reduce your ability to hear what is happening around you.
- When travelling, stick to well-lit and well-traveled or heavily populated areas whenever possible. Keep valuables out of sight when not in use.

Anyone with information for this crime is asked to call the University Of Miami Police at 305 284 6666 or (8-6666 from a campus phone).

Visit the UMPD website for more information on safety escorts, blue light telephones, self-defense programs, and other important personal safety information.

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