Off-Campus Attempted Robbery

On Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 10:40 p.m., a student reported to DPS that when he was walking in the 900 block of Lancaster Ave, between Stratford St. and Kensington Rd., he was approached by two males, one of whom asked to use his cellphone. The student told the man he couldn’t use his cellphone. One of the men then pressed something against his back, walked him up a driveway in between two houses, and demanded his cellphone and headphones. After the student gave the suspects his cellphone and headphones, he observed that one of the men held a black handgun. As the student began to walk away, the suspects gave the student his personal property back.

The suspects then ran north on Lancaster Ave.

Seeking information

DPS asks for your help in identifying the suspects if you were in the vicinity at the time of the incident. For this purpose, the following is the description of the suspects:

Suspect # 1: male, black, 5’ 7”, 20-22 years of age, thick build, wearing a charcoal grey sweatshirt and blue jeans;
Suspect # 2: male, black, 5’ 9”, 20-22 years of age, slim build, wearing a blue hoodie and darker blue jeans.

For an interactive map of the incident location, refer to the Google Map link at: Campus Alerts 2012
If anyone has any information regarding this incident or others, please contact the Syracuse Police Department @ 442-5222 Or SU Department of Public Safety @ 443-2224. You can anonymously leave NON-EMERGENCY information for SU DPS by clicking on the “Silent Witness” tool at http://publicsafety.syr.edu/students/silent_witness.html.

**For your safety, please remember**

**On campus after dark, use DPS’ free escort service.** Off campus, use SU Home (it’s free); call 443-2224 for more information on these services. Additional options are Centro Bus or taxi service.

**Centro Bus or taxi service**

- **Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more**—away from bushes, cars and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
- **Look and listen.** Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
- **Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.**
- **Don’t approach strangers or let them get close to you.**
- **If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street.** Go toward an open business or lighted house.
- **Have your house or car keys in hand** before you reach your door.
- **Know where "Blue Light" phones are** and how to use them.
- **If someone tries to rob you, don't resist.** Give up your property, not your life.
- **Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle and tag number.**

**IMMEDIATELY report emergencies or suspicious activities, persons and vehicles.** For Public Safety, dial 711 (on campus) or #78 (from a cell phone); for the Syracuse Police Department, dial 911.

*Your quick report may help prevent others from becoming victims.*

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**
- Department of Public Safety
- 005 Sims Hall
- Phone: 443-2224
- Email:
- URL: [http://publicsafety.syr.edu/students/silent_witness.html](http://publicsafety.syr.edu/students/silent_witness.html)

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