

An Area Advisory for a Safer Community and a Safer You ... "Because We Care"

UNC Charlotte Police Advisory:

Off-Campus Armed Robbery

When the UNC Charlotte Police Department verifies that a serious incident has occurred on or even off campus and believes it could impact the University Community, we issue an advisory to increase everyone's awareness and safety.

Early Thursday morning (10/30/08, approx. 4:07 AM) on the 600 block of Lex Drive (near Alexander Towne Apartments) – The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) received a report that a man was robbed at gunpoint by two other men in a car. While one suspect remained in the car, the other exited and robbed the victim. The suspects left, and CMPD was notified. The victim is not a student or employee. *Suspects' vehicle:* 2008 black Chevrolet Impala. *Suspect #1 was described as:* male, black, in his 20s, medium complexion, approx. 6' 1" and 160 lbs, designer hoodie jacket, black pants, boots, and armed with a black .38 revolver. *Suspect #2 was described as:* male, black, in his 20s, dark complexion, hoodie hat, and dark jacket.

If anyone has any information regarding these incidents or other crimes, please ...

call UNC Charlotte Police Department at 704-687-2200 or

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department at 911

...Or anonymously contact CMPD at Crime Stoppers (<http://www.charlottecrimestoppers.org/>)

Or UNC Charlotte PD at Anonymous Tip Information (<http://www.police.uncc.edu/>)

IMMEDIATELY report suspicious activities, persons and vehicles to UNC Charlotte Police Department and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

If the problem is in an apartment lot, don't forget to also notify apartment security officers and landlords. Your actions can help prevent others from becoming victims!

Robbery Prevention Tips

UNCC PD wants you to have a safe and fun Halloween. The following are good tips to follow any time of year, but they are especially important during the “Halloween through New Year’s Day” season when many are socializing and shopping.

- *Walk/jog/bike in groups of three or more in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.*
- *Stay close together in those groups. Don’t walk a few feet ahead or behind where companions may lose sight or cannot clearly hear what is going on.*
- *Stay aware and sober. Intoxication lowers your awareness and slows your reaction time. Carrying alcohol or exhibiting “tipsy” behavior may make you appear as a potential target.*
- *Avoid using headphones, i-Pods, or cell phones. They distract and are popular robbery items.*
- *Avoid flashing cash or jewelry. Wait until you are inside a safe place/event to put flashy or expensive jewelry on.*
- *If walking after dark on campus alone or only in a pair, call 7-2200 or use a “Blue Light” emergency phone for a free safety escort from UNC Charlotte Police.*
- *If off campus, call a reliable cab company. Notify a roommate/friend how you are traveling and your estimated arrival time. Call them when you arrive safely.*
- *Use one of nearly 300 “Blue Light” emergency phones throughout campus to report suspicious activities.*
- *Avoid talking to or passing near strangers. If you feel uneasy, go to the nearest lighted, populated, safe place or the nearest “Blue Light” phone.*
- ***IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANYTHING OR ANYONE SUSPICIOUS to the police as well as to landlords and on-duty security officers at residential complexes and businesses.***
- ***Always report any crime to the police immediately.***

Take advantage of UNCC PD’s crime prevention programs. Call or e-mail Lt. Jeff Mulholland (704-687-8465 or jjmulhol@uncc.edu) to arrange a program on personal safety or other concerns for your residence hall, department, club, or class. UNCC PD also offers RAD (Rape Aggression Defense Systems), a women’s self-defense course.