

Safety Alert from UMKC Police

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STATEMENT ON REPORTED OFF-CAMPUS ARMED ROBBERY

UMKC students have reported an armed robbery inside a house in the 5500 block of Lydia Avenue, about 5 blocks southeast of the UMKC campus. Kansas City, Missouri Police are investigating.

The crime occurred around 4 a.m. Sunday morning. Several UMKC students were in the house at the time. Two assailants, both armed, forcibly entered the house. They demanded drugs and alcohol, and then ransacked the house. Two of the occupants were struck by one of the assailants. The suspects left the scene on foot. They were described as African American males, both bald, both around 5'8 tall, medium build, and one suspect was wearing a KC Royals hat.

We want to remind you to be attentive to your surroundings at all times – whether on campus, shopping or at home. Always be cautious responding to a knock on your door late at night; do not open the door unless you know who is on the other side.

If you have any information or were in the area of this incident about the time it occurred, please don't hesitate to call the UMKC Police Department at 816-235-1515 and ask to speak with the supervisor on duty.

Safety tips:

If you suspect someone is following you, don't go home. Drive to the nearest police or fire station or a well-lighted, populated area. If you have a cellular phone, call 911 for help.

Always attempt to park in a well-lighted area, near sidewalks or walkways. Avoid parking near dumpsters, woods, large vans or trucks, or anything else that limits your visibility.

If you return home and notice someone you don't recognize, drive around the block and come back after the person has left the area.

Crime prevention tips, as well as informational workshops, may be obtained by contacting the crime prevention office of the UMKC Police Department at 816-235-1515, or visiting the UMKC Police web site, <http://www.umkc.edu/adminfinance/police/>.