Safety Alert from UMKC Police

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STATEMENT ON REPORTED OFF-CAMPUS ABDUCTION AND ARMED ROBBERY

The Kansas City Police Department is investigating an off-campus incident that occurred Monday night, at approximately 10 p.m., in which a student reported being abducted and robbed at gunpoint in the 5100 block of Forest Street, 1 block east of campus. The student was eventually released at 51st & Paseo, without physical injury, and the assailants fled.

The Kansas City Police Department is conducting an investigation into this incident.

While the robbery was off campus, UMKC Police feel it important to inform you of such incidents and to remind you to be attentive to your surroundings at all times – whether on or off campus.

Descriptions:

- Suspect 1: African American male; short hair; wearing a red shirt.
- Suspect 2: African American male; “average” height and “twisty” hair; eyes “looked Asian”.
- Suspect 3: African American male; tall with medium build and short hair.

If you have any information or were in the area of this incident about the time it occurred, please call the UMKC Police Department at 816-235-1515 and ask to speak with the supervisor on duty.

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/.

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.