

Safety Alert from UMKC Police

April 16, 2022

STATEMENT ON CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

On April 16, 2022, the UMKC Police Department was contacted by the victim of an assault that occurred at 8:40 p.m. April 15 at the intersection of 51st Street and Rockhill Road. The victim was approached by seven or eight juveniles riding electric scooters who then physically attacked him. No weapons were used, and the victim declined medical treatment. No description of the attackers was available. Several similar attacks by multiple juveniles riding scooters have been reported in the vicinity in recent weeks.

Note: federal law requires campus-wide distribution of this alert.

If you have any information on these incidents, 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

The UMKC police department offers the following general safety tips:

- Always be attentive to your surroundings, whether on campus, shopping, or at home.
- When it is dark outside, walk in well-lit areas and avoid walking or running alone.
- Use the Buddy System. Walk in pairs or groups and plan to leave a destination together.
- If you feel threatened or suspect someone is following you, call 911 for help.
- Check in with friends or family so they are aware of your plans. Let them know when you are leaving/arriving.
- Individuals should always trust their instincts. If you feel uneasy or that something is wrong, do what you can to get out of the situation.
- UMKC offers the Rave Guardian app, which turns any smartphone into a personal safety device. Download the app from your mobile device's app store.
- Crime prevention tips, as well as informational workshops, may be obtained by contacting the Community Engagement office of the UMKC Police Department at 816-235-1716, or visit the UMKC Police website, www.umkc.edu/police.

If you see something, say something! Call UMKC Police at **816-235-1515**