

# Safety Alert from UMKC Police

September 20, 2021

## STATEMENT ON CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

UMKCPD has been given information on the following two crimes which occurred on consecutive Friday evenings, 9/10/21 and 9/17/21.

On September 10, 2021, at about 10:25 p.m., an individual was forcibly pushed off his scooter and the scooter taken. This occurred at 50<sup>th</sup> Street and Rockhill Road. Three of the suspects arrived on scooters and the fourth suspect left on the victim's scooter.

### Description:

- Suspects: Four males, approximate age 16 – 21.
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On September 17, 2021, at about 9:40 p.m., an individual had a suspect attempt to grab his cell phone out of his hand. The suspect was unable to get the phone from the individual. This occurred in the 1000 block of East 51<sup>st</sup> Street. The suspect was with two other males, who all left the area on foot.

### Description:

- Suspect: Male, approximate age 18 – 21, approximate height 5'11", wearing all black and had the hood of his sweat jacket pulled over his head.

***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:

- We want to remind you to be attentive to your surroundings at all times – whether on campus, shopping or at home.
- Avoid walking or running alone at night. Always walk in well-lighted areas.
- If you feel threatened or suspect someone is following you, call 911 for help.

- Individuals should always trust their instincts. If an individual feels uneasy or senses something is wrong, they should do what they can to get out of the situation.
- Have a companion or a safe means of getting home, i.e., a trusted friend or taxi.
- UMKC now offers the Rave Guardian app, which turns any smartphone into a personal safety device. Call 816-235-1716, for details on the app.
- Walk with others or make arrangements to leave a destination with others.
- Check in with a friend or family member and let them know that you are leaving/arriving, so they are aware of any plans.

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/>.