

Safety Alert from UMKC Police

December 9, 2021

STATEMENT ON CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

On December 8, 2021, the UMKC Police Department was contacted by the victim of an assault that occurred at 7 p.m. near the intersection of East Beacon Hill Lane and Troost Avenue. The victim was approached by a white van with green lettering on the rear doors of the van. An occupant of the van, a male in his early thirties reached out of the van, grabbed the victim's arm, and spayed the victim's face with an unknown substance. The victim was able to break free and run into the Hospital Hill Apartments, 2401 Troost Ave. The victim did not require medical attention. The incident occurred within the jurisdiction of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department.

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/>.