

Safety Alert from UMKC Police

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STATEMENT ON REPORTED STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery was reported by a Rockhurst student to the Kansas City Police Department and Rockhurst University Security at approximately 2 a.m. on 7/9/2014. The incident occurred on the street in the 5300 block of Harrison. The assailants fled from the scene in a white four-door sedan and are still at large. KCPD is investigating the crime.

The victim said she was sitting in her car when three male suspects approached her and demanded her purse. When she refused, there was a brief struggle. She began screaming and honking her car horn. An assailant grabbed an ID case attached by a lanyard to her wrist and the three assailants ran to their car and left.

The victim was unable to provide a detailed description of the assailants.

We want to remind you to be attentive to your surroundings at all times – whether on campus, shopping or at home.

If you have any information about this incident, 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.

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/finadmin/police/>.