

Safety Alert from UMKC Police

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STATEMENT ON REPORTED ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

A UMKC student has reported an attempted robbery. The incident occurred at approximately 9:30 p.m. Tuesday on Holmes Street, between 51st and 52nd streets. UMKC Police are investigating.

The student said he was walking down Holmes Street when he realized that he was being followed. The suspect reached for the student's duffle bag, but ran when the student shoved him away.

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

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 or were in the area of this incident about the time it occurred, 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:

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/adminfinance/police/>.