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Community Crime Alert

Date: June 16, 2019

Time: 5:48 AM

Offense: Robbery

Location: Off Campus

On Sunday, June 16, 2019, at approximately 5:48 AM, TSU Police Officers observed a an unknown male walking a bicycle along the Tiger Walk, the male was bleeding from an injury on his head and appeared to be in distress. The male stated that he was traveling northbound along the Columbia Tap Rail-Trail, off campus, north of TSU when he observed four black males walking along the trail. The complainant was attempting to ride around them when one of them snatched his backpack causing him to fall off his bicycle. When the complainant hit the ground one of the men took his cellular phone and they all fled in an unknown direction. The complainant could not give a description of the suspects. The complainant was transported to the hospital for treatment of his injuries.

TSU Police, Houston Police and Harris County Precinct 6 searched the area for the suspects with negative results. All involved agencies have increased neighborhood and parking lot patrols within our area.

TSU Police Department remains vigilant in our efforts to keep this community safe for all. If you have information regarding any crime or suspicious activity, please contact TSU Police @ 713-313-7000 or 713-313-7001.

Tips to Reduce your Risk of Robbery:

- **Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times.** Factors that decrease your ability to be alert and aware are drugs and alcohol, fatigue, and distraction (think cell phone, etc.). Also, make sure you always know your location so if you had to call for help, you could tell the police where you are.
- **Plan ahead.** Make arrangements to get to and from your destination safely.
- **Trust your instincts.** If you see someone you think may be up to no good, take action. Make eye contact with them so they know you saw them. Move to the other side of the street or turn around. Get to a safe, well-lit location. If you think they might be following you or waiting for you, call the police.
- **Don't be afraid to report suspicious activity.** Even if the person does not approach you, if you believe they are suspicious, report it to the police. You may prevent someone else from being a victim.
- **Call the police IMMEDIATELY.** Try to give the police a good description of the person, a vehicle if there is a vehicle involved, and direction of travel. Tell them about clothing; gender; race; hair length, color and style; scars, marks or tattoos; facial hair, etc.

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