



Texas Southern University Police Department

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## Campus Crime Alert

**Date:** September 25, 2019

**Time:** 12:13 PM

**Offense:** Robbery

**Location:** Off Campus (3500 Block of Rosewood)

On Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at approximately 12:13 PM, TSU Police received a call from a staff member at the Urban Academic Village reporting an attempted robbery of a student that occurred off campus. Upon arrival, officers met with the student. The student stated that she was walking east on Rosewood Street from Tierwester towards the Urban Academic Village when an unknown male attempted to snatch her backpack off of her shoulder. The complainant stated that she resisted while screaming and the suspect ran away leaving her unharmed.

The complainant described the suspect as a "brown-skinned" black male standing between 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall. He was last seen wearing a dark-colored shirt, basketball shorts, and a multi-colored backpack. The suspect was last seen running west on Rosewood Street.

TSU Police immediately patrolled the area with negative results. DPS notified our neighboring agencies and has 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 this or any crime or suspicious activity, please contact TSU Police @ 713-313-7000 or 713-313-7001.

### Tips to Reduce your Risk of Robbery:

- **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.
- **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.

**See Something, Say Something!**