



Texas Southern University Police Department

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## Crime Alert

**Date:** October 24, 2019

**Time:** 12:30 AM

**Offense:** Robbery

**Location:** Off Campus (3800 Block of Canfield)

On Thursday October 24, 2019 at approximately 12:30 AM six students walking back to campus were accosted by a black male covering his face with his t-shirt. The students stated that the unknown male pointed a handgun at them and demanded money. One student surrendered his cellphone. All of the students fled on foot. As they were running the suspect reportedly fired three shots from the handgun. None of the students were injured during the robbery, however two students sustained minor injuries as they ran from the suspect.

The complainant could only describe the suspect as a black male standing about 5 feet 7 inches tall. At the time of the robbery the suspect was wearing his t-shirt over his face, no shirt and blue jean pants. The suspect left the area in an unknown direction.

TSU Police immediately patrolled the area with negative results for the suspects. 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!**