



Texas Southern University Police Department

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## Campus Crime Alert

**Date:** February 13, 2020

**Time:** 2:44 AM

**Offense:** Robbery

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

On Thursday, February 13, 2020, at approximately 2:44 AM, TSU DPS received a call from two students at the University Towers reporting that they were robbed while walking to the Towers. Upon arrival, officers met with the students. The students stated that as they were walking near the intersection of Cleburne Street and Sampson Street they were approached from behind by three unknown black males. One of the suspects asked where the students were from. When the students said they were not from Houston the second suspect asked them for money. Both students, believing one of the suspects may have a gun, showed that they did not have any money in their wallets. A suspect demanded one of the complainant's keys and asked where the car was. The student surrendered his keys and told the suspects the car was in the Eastside garage. The students then ran to the University Towers and called DPS. Neither student was injured. It was later discovered that the suspects located the complainant's vehicle and stole it.

TSU Police immediately patrolled the area with negative results and notified our neighboring agencies. While following up some leads, Officers observed the complainant's vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. After a short foot pursuit the driver was caught and arrested. The other two suspects remain at large.

TSU Police Department remains vigilant in our efforts to keep this community safe for all. If you have information regarding this, any other 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.

**See Something, Say Something!**



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