Last night, August 26, 2008, at approximately 7 PM, while walking between St. Ignatius Church and the trailers on Welch Field, a female USF student was approached by an unidentified man from behind, the suspect lifted her skirt, put his hand on her thigh, and ran away. While the student was not physically harmed, we would like to put the USF community on alert.

The suspect was described as a white male, approximately 40-45 yrs old, 5'6" - 5'7", heavy build, wearing a blue baseball cap, grey shirt, blue nylon pants and white tennis shoes. The Department of Public Safety has increased foot patrols near Welch Field, Lone Mountain, and Main Campus and is continuing this investigation.

Always be aware of your surroundings no matter what time of day or night. Please report any suspicious persons to the Department of Public Safety at (415) 422-2911.

Daniel L. Lawson
Director of Public Safety
Friday, August 22, 2008

Today at approximately 8:45 AM, a USF graduate student walking across Turk St. at Temescal St. in the marked crosswalk, was struck by a car. The student was transported to the hospital, treated and released. She was then able to attend her USF orientation. The initial investigation by SFPD indicates that the driver is at fault in this accident.

There are several crosswalks on Turk St., and while the pedestrian is usually "right" when crossing inside a crosswalk, it is safest to cross at the intersections controlled by a signal light. When crossing in a crosswalk, at a controlled or uncontrolled intersection, many pedestrians make eye contact with the driver to ensure that the driver is aware of their presence.

For prevention and safety tips, please visit the USF Department of Public Safety website at: http://www.usfca.edu/public_safety/prevention/index.html

Daniel L. Lawson
Director of Public Safety
Public Safety Front Desk, X4222
Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 8:30 am

This morning two bodies were found in a vehicle on Golden Gate Avenue, in front of Harney Science Center. Preliminary investigation indicates that the individuals are not associated with USF. The investigation is being conducted by the San Francisco Police Department.

Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 11 am

The crime scene has been cleared on Golden Gate Avenue. The street is now open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. SFPD is continuing their investigation. Again, preliminary investigation indicates that there is no connection between this incident and the USF community.

Friday, August 15, 2008

The investigators assigned to the double homicide on Golden Gate Avenue, in front of Harney Science Center, have identified and released the names of the victims. It is now confirmed that there is no relationship between the victims and the USF community. The investigation by the SFPD is continuing. USF Public Safety and SFPD officers from Richmond Station are providing additional coverage in the area with officers on foot and vehicle patrol.

Please report any suspicious activity or persons to USF Public Safety dispatch at 422-4201.

Director Dan Lawson
USF Public Safety
422-4222
July 1, 2008

To the USF Community:

On Monday, June 30, 2008, at approximately 10:00 PM, an unknown suspect forced entry into the Bill Russell Room at Memorial Gym. The suspect broke a display case glass door and stole a small television from the room. The television was recovered a short time later outside the gym. The SFPD was called out to assist our investigation and may have recovered evidence that could lead to the identity of the suspect.

If you have any information related to this incident or observe any suspicious activity on or around campus, please call the Department of Public Safety immediately at (415) 422-4201. For all emergencies, call (415) 422-2911. Your call may help us to locate and contact subjects prior to a criminal offense occurring. Additional information is available at our website, www.usfca.edu/public_safety/
June 5, 2008

Public Safety Crime Bulletin

Today, at approximately 11:40 AM, a suspect walked up to the main gate kiosk on Golden Gate Ave. and stole a laptop computer from the student worker at the booth. The suspect escaped in a silver Dodge Dakota with a partial California license plate of 8M2914. The vehicle was last seen moving east on Golden Gate Ave. towards Masonic Ave.

Incidents where suspects in a car pull up to a coffee shop or bus stop, a passenger in the suspect vehicle jumps out, grabs a laptop and drives off have been common occurrences throughout the city as more and more people display their laptop computers in public places. It is recommended that your laptop computer should not be displayed in a public place, but if you do make sure that you are aware of your surroundings at all times. If a suspect tries to take your computer it is best to give up the property, rather than risk personal injury. SFPD will be investigating the current incident to determine if this is connected to other crimes.

If you observe any suspicious activity on or around campus, please call the Department of Public Safety immediately at (415) 422-4201 or 422-2911. This will help us to locate and contact subjects prior to a criminal offense occurring.
May 30, 2008

Public Safety Crime Bulletin

Recently, there have been two car break-ins in the Koret Center parking lots. Unknown suspect(s) have broken the car windows and removed property from the vehicles. Please remember to lock your doors and roll up your windows whenever you leave your vehicle. Valuables should not be left in the car if possible, and certainly not in plain sight. If you do have valuables in the car put them in the trunk before you arrive at your parking destination. Suspects often watch motorists put all of their valuables in the trunk and then walk away. USF Public Safety continues to visibly patrol all USF parking lots in an effort to deter this activity.

Please report any suspicious persons loitering around cars or parking lots to Public Safety dispatch at 422-4201, or from a campus phone x2911. For information about crime prevention please go to the Department of Public Safety website at: http://www.usfca.edu/publicsafety/prevention/index.html

On April 11th, 2008 at 12:30 A.M. in downtown San Francisco, two female USF students were victims of a purse-snatch robbery. One of the students was pushed to the ground and as a result sustained a scraped knee. Money, identification, and a cell phone were taken. USF has offered the students counseling and other related support services.

Urban safety tips include the following: be aware of your surroundings at all times; walk in well lit, well traveled areas, walk in the middle of sidewalks away from doorways, trees and shrubs. Walk with confidence, erect, and with purpose; if being followed, reverse directions, cross the street, go to a safe location and call 911.

Please refer to the Public Safety web page at www.usfca.edu/public_safety for more safety tips. In addition, there will be a self-defense course offered on Tuesday April 29th from 5pm to 7pm at the Koret Combative Room. Those interested are encouraged to register on line at fitness@usfca.edu or by phone at 415-422-2606. Classes are FREE, but registration is required.

BE A RESOURCE NOT A VICTIM.
USF Public Safety
415-422-4222
Several recent incidents indicate that some members of USF’s ROTC program might be victims of identity theft.

All cadets, staff, and faculty members of the department of Military Science are encouraged to take prudent measures and review their credit reports immediately. The credit reports are available online at no cost through the following credit reporting companies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

If you discover discrepancies or inconsistencies with your credit, it is recommended that you dispute them with the credit report companies and the company issuing the credit.

Victims of identity theft can also find additional information at the following websites: www.privacy.ca.gov and www.privacyrights.org

If you believe you have been the victim of identity theft here on campus, please contact the USF Department of Public Safety (415-422-4222) and they will assist you in reporting the incident to the SFPD.