Dear USF Community,

Over the past two weeks, there has been an increase in vehicle break-ins and thefts from vehicles parked in USF parking lots and on the streets surrounding campus. Although in some of these incidents no property was taken from the vehicles, most of the thefts resulted in opportunists taking advantage of valuables left in the vehicles.

In light of the upcoming commencement ceremonies and many families visiting campus from out of town, the Department of Public Safety would like to remind the USF community of the following parking safety tips:

- Roll up windows and lock your vehicle.
- Do not leave any valuables in sight.
- Put valuables and packages in the trunk or out of sight before arriving at your destination.

USF Public Safety officers have increased patrols in the area. During commencement, there will be extra security in the parking lots. If you see suspicious activity on or around campus, please contact Public Safety immediately. For more crime prevention tips please visit our Public Safety website.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Safety at (415) 422-4222. For emergencies or to report suspicious activity, please contact dispatch at (415) 422-2911.

Sincerely,

Department of Public Safety

On May 4, representatives from the Black Community Council (BCC) and the Cultural Centers, as well as the vice provost for Diversity Engagement and Community Outreach, the vice provost of Student Life, the dean of students, and the director of Public Safety met to discuss the use of race as a descriptor in campus crime bulletins. This was in reference to a crime bulletin that was distributed to the campus community on April 29, 2017. The discussion led to an agreement that there was a need to review the policy of using race and gender in crime bulletins and whether our current crime bulletin messaging is consistent with the mission, vision, and values of the University of San Francisco.

BCC members and others who participated in the May 4, 2017 discussion, as well as student representatives, will hold a follow-up meeting within the next month to review proposed policy changes, and to discuss the creation of a Community Policing Advisory Board for the Department of Public Safety. After our next meeting, we will provide updates regarding our progress amending current practices.

Sincerely,

Daniel Lawson
Dear USF Community,

Earlier this evening, at 8:30 p.m., the Department of Public Safety received information that a USF student was the victim of a robbery on Cole St. near Grove St. The suspect grabbed the student, pointed a firearm at her and demanded she hand over her purse and cellphone. The student complied with the suspect, who then ordered the student to run in the other direction. The student ran back to campus and called Public Safety. There were no physical injuries.

Earlier this afternoon at 4:23 p.m., the Department of Public Safety received information that a student was the victim of a robbery on Wednesday, September 13, at 9:00 p.m. The USF student was sitting in his car on Golden Gate Ave. near Central Ave. The suspect approached his vehicle and opened the driver side door. The suspect pointed a gun at him and demanded his wallet and phone. The student gave the suspect his phone and his credit cards. The suspect then fled the area, and the student contacted the San Francisco Police Department. There were no physical injuries.

The San Francisco Police Department and the USF Department of Public Safety are investigating. USF officers are conducting extra patrols in the area. If you are concerned about travel in the immediate area, please contact USF Department of Public Safety at (415) 422-4201 for a Safety Shuttle or Safety Escort. As a reminder for the new academic year additional shuttle drivers were added and the southern shuttle boundary has been extended to Fredrick St.

Please report any suspicious activity immediately to the USF Department of Public Safety at (415) 422-4201. For emergencies, call (415) 422-2911. For crime prevention tips, please visit our Public Safety website.

Sincerely,

Department of Public Safety
Dear USF Community,

Last night, at 11:37 p.m., the Department of Public Safety received information that a non-affiliate was the victim of a robbery on Golden Gate Ave. near Parker Ave. The non-affiliate was approached from behind by two suspects. One suspect grabbed the non-affiliate, pointed a firearm at her, and demanded she hand over her backpack and cellphone. The suspects then got into a small, dark SUV and fled the area. The non-affiliate contacted the San Francisco Police Department. There were no physical injuries.

The San Francisco Police Department and the USF Department of Public Safety are investigating. USF officers are conducting extra patrols in the area. If you are concerned about travel in the immediate area, please contact USF Department of Public Safety at (415) 422-4201 for a Safety Shuttle or Safety Escort. As a reminder for the 2017-2018 academic year, additional shuttle drivers were added and the southern shuttle boundary has been extended to Frederick St.

Please report any suspicious activity in and around campus immediately to the USF Department of Public Safety at (415) 422-4201. For emergencies, call (415) 422-2911. For crime prevention tips, please visit our Public Safety website.

Sincerely,

Department of Public Safety
Theft Prevention Advisory

The stresses of life often distract us from being vigilant about crime prevention. Although the crime rate is very low on the USF campus, opportunistic thefts can occur from time to time. However, almost all thefts committed on campus are preventable, and involve the stealing of unattended backpacks, purses, or electronic devices left in common areas or unlocked offices accessible to the public. To prevent thefts, please be aware of your surroundings and do not leave any valuable items unattended or unsecured. This also includes not leaving valuables in a vehicle and properly locking bicycles.

Please report any suspicious activity in and around campus immediately to the USF Department of Public Safety at (415) 422-4201. Suspicious activity is any action or behavior that suggests a crime has been committed or is about to be committed. For emergencies, call (415) 422-2911.

For crime prevention tips and to view the USF Daily Crime and Fire Log, please visit the Public Safety website.

Sincerely,

Department of Public Safety