Public Safety Crime Bulletin

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., an individual used a tool to enter an office in the Harney Science Building. At this time it does not appear that anything of value was taken. In what appears to be a related incident, on Thursday, Aug. 6 at 4 a.m., custodial workers observed four males breaking into the door on the south side of Cowell Hall. When Department of Public Safety officers arrived on the scene, the four males fled. Public Safety officers are currently reviewing CCTV footage and conducting further investigation in collaboration with the San Francisco Police Department.

Effective crime prevention involves collaboration between the community and Public Safety officers. Thanks to our community members, the quick reporting of suspicious incidents was helpful in linking criminal activity and thwarting crime.

Please continue to immediately report all suspicious activity to the Department of Public Safety. For further crime prevention tips please visit the Public Safety website.
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On Sunday, July 12, at approximately 5:52 a.m. at the 101 Howard building, an individual pried the exterior door on the north side of Spear St. Two work pods and a locked shelving unit were also forcibly entered but no items were taken. The suspect stayed in the building for approximately 20 minutes, then left.

Based upon a Department of Public Safety investigation of the security breaches, the following measures are being taken:

- Improvement to the exterior door to harden the target.
- Activating One Card access on the freight elevator.
- Further research into the effectiveness of additional security cameras.
- Further research into adjustments to the current security staffing model.

It is recommended, if possible, that prior to leaving the office for the day, to secure all valuables, including electronic equipment in locked drawers.

For further information about crime prevention, please go to the Department of Public Safety's website.

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On Monday, July 6 between 6:45 a.m. and 7:30 a.m., two males entered UC, Cowell and Kalmanovitz with the intent to commit theft. After unsuccessful attempts in Cowell, the two suspects broke windows to enter offices in the psychology department in Kalmanovitz Hall and left with at least two laptops.

Consistent with previous burglaries on campus, burglars are arriving early on campus when there is less foot traffic.

Public Safety will increase patrols when buildings first open.

Please do not allow anyone without a One Card into locked buildings. If requested to do so, please refer the request to Public Safety at 415-422-4201.

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On Tuesday, May 12, on the fourth floor of Harney Science Center at approximately 11:20 a.m., staff detained a person with a backpack who was walking out of an unoccupied office. Upon questioning, the person surrendered a university laptop taken from the unoccupied office. Public Safety Officers arrested the person, and he was booked for burglary by San Francisco Police Department.

We believe this person to be responsible for thefts in the University Center and Harney Science Center this past February.

Whenever possible, it is best to secure office doors when you leave. Keep valuables, such as purses and electronic devices, hidden from public view. When you see a suspicious person in your building, please contact USF Public Safety at (415) 422-2911.

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Community Notice

Dear USF Community,

Early this morning on the corner of 5th and Geary, a USF exchange student was hit by a bullet in the abdomen. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital, but thankfully the injury was not life threatening, and he was released from the hospital several hours later. He is resting comfortably in his residence hall, and has strong support from his friends and staff members.

The USF exchange student was standing across the street on 5th when a group altercation broke out near Abbey Tavern. During this fight, an unknown suspect fired two shots, one of which hit the USF student across the street who was not involved in the altercation.

The San Francisco Police say that no witness reports seeing the shooter, the weapon, or any associated vehicle so there is no suspect information at this time.

This afternoon from 3–5 p.m., public safety officers and Counseling and Psychological Support staff will be available in room 501 of the University Center for any USF community member who needs support.

There are also a number of additional campus resources available for USF students, faculty, and staff:

- The Counseling and Psychological Services Center, located in the lower level Gillson Hall, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. After 5 p.m. and on weekends, please call the evening on-call counselor at (415) 422-6352 or visit www.usfca.edu/caps/.
- University Ministry support services are also available to all community members. It is located in the lower level of Phelan Hall and can be reached at (415) 422-4463 or um@usfca.edu.
- Faculty and staff members can contact CONCERN, the University's employee assistance program, at (800) 344-4222.

Last week, Captain Silverman of the San Francisco Police Dept. met with students at USF's Pedro Arrupe residence hall on 6th Avenue and Anza, and told them that his department considers the area to be a safe one. He stressed, however, that no area of the city is immune to crime, and he urged everyone in the USF community stay aware of their surroundings at all times, no matter where in the city they happen to be.

Sincerely,
On Tuesday night, March 10, a female USF student standing outside of USF’s Downtown Campus was approached by three males. One of the males hit the female student in the head and took her cell phone. Thankfully, she did not require medical attention.

The incident happened at Howard and Spear Streets, and the suspects fled westbound on Howard Street.

The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) responded, created a report for the investigation, and escorted the student to BART. USF Public Safety Community Service Officers on site at the Downtown Campus are aware of the incident and are focusing on prevention efforts in the area.

While Public Safety believes this is an isolated incident, it is important to always be aware of your surroundings. Whenever possible, especially in public spaces, it is best to keep valuables, including electronic devices such as cell phones, hidden from public view.

For further information about crime prevention please go to the Department of Public Safety’s website.
On Monday, February 9, and Friday, February 13, thefts occurred from offices in USF's University Center and Harney Science Center. On Thursday, February 12, an uninvited person, not affiliated with USF, gained entry into the Zief Law Library restrooms. These are non-violent crimes of opportunity that can best be prevented by locking and securing valuables whenever away from the office. It is also important for the USF community to be vigilant about preventing "tailgating." "Tailgating" happens when a person enters a secure area closely behind an authorized card user. Please be mindful when entering buildings using your One Card ID.

Zief Law Library will be requiring all students, staff, and faculty to swipe their One Card ID when entering the facility.

The Department of Public Safety has increased patrols in the areas and will meet with those interested to discuss other crime prevention methods. If interested, please call x2396. Public Safety investigators are also following several good leads regarding these thefts.
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Dear USF Community:

The following person is believed to have committed a burglary in the University Center on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:50 a.m. This person is known to target electronic equipment of all kinds.

Although not considered dangerous, if seen on campus, please call x2911 immediately. Do not approach him.

In response to this incident, USF has locked all university buildings and you will be required to gain access with your One Card. Public Safety will also be making extra passing calls in all university buildings.

Description: George Edward Davis, Sr. also known as Edward Clark; 53 years old; 5'10'; 175 lbs.

During this Tuesday's incident, he was seen on CCTV video wearing a black coat and a black wool beanie with a 49ers logo on the front.

As noted in the earlier bulletin for the holiday break, access will be as follows:

Dec. 17 - Dec. 23: All community members will have card access.
Dec. 24 - Jan. 1: Faculty and staff will retain their building access; student access is off.
Jan. 2: All community member access is restored; exterior doors will continue to be locked and require card access.
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Jan. 5: Building access will return to its normal schedule and exterior doors will be unlocked during business hours.

If you are on campus and accessing buildings during the holiday break, please be aware of anyone attempting to enter a building behind you without using a card; this is called "tailgating." If this does occur, contact public safety immediately at 422-4201 or 422-2911 and provide a description of the tailgater and the location where the incident occurred.

As common practice please remember to keep all valuables secure and close and lock all doors and windows when away.

For other crime prevention tips please visit the DPS website go to the Department of Public Safety’s website at

www.usfca.edu/Public_Safety/Crime_Prevention/

Department of Public Safety
Dear USF Community:

Since we started the new school year, there have been two traffic collisions involving pedestrians in crosswalks adjacent to USF. The Department of Public Safety is working with Richmond and Park Stations to post their speed trailers and increase traffic enforcement around the USF campus. Drivers and pedestrians are asked to be mindful when walking and driving near the campus vicinity and beyond.

Below are some safety tips for drivers and pedestrians as safety is a shared responsibility.

For Drivers:

- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times.
- Follow slower speed limits in school zones and in neighborhoods where there are students present.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.

For Pedestrians:

- Keep alert at all times; don’t be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. This is where drivers expect pedestrians.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach you to make sure you are seen.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.

For more tips about general safety, go to the Department of Public Safety’s website at:

http://www.usfca.edu/Public_Safety/Crime_Prevention/

Thank you,

Daniel L. Lawson
Director of Public Safety
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