



# YOUR SAFETY

## AGGRAVATED ROBBERIES

From 03-18-2011 through 03-22-2011 there have been 4 aggravated robberies reported near our UT/MD Anderson campus. There were two reports on the 18<sup>th</sup>, one at Broadmead Drive & Main St. (8:20pm) and at 9000 Alameda Road (9:25pm). The third report was also from 9000 Alameda Road on the 19<sup>th</sup> (9:25pm). The fourth report happened on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1800 El Paseo, across from UT Housing.

The method of operation reported to police by the victims indicates that the aggravated robberies may have been committed by the same person. The individual approaches on foot (may pretend to be on his cell phone), displays his gun and forces the victims to give him their belongings, such as wallet and cell phone. The individual has been described as a black male, mid to late twenties, goatee, medium build wearing a black shirt and grey sweat pants. If you have any information regarding these robberies please contact UTPD @ 713-792-2890.

## PROTECTION STRATEGIES

- Avoid walking or running alone at night
- Always walk in well-lit areas
- Avoid the use of shortcuts or areas with minimal foot-traffic
- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you -- especially if you are alone or it is dark
- Walk close to the curb. Avoid doorways, bushes and alleys where someone could hide
- Walk at a steady pace with a self-assured stride
- Avoid using headphones while walking, driving or jogging
- If someone in a vehicle stops and asks for directions, answer from a distance. Do not approach the vehicle
- Do not display cash openly, especially when leaving an ATM machine
- If in danger, scream and run, yell "fire" or carry and blow a loud whistle to attract attention
- Hold your purse tightly, close to your body. Keep your wallet in a front or buttoned hip pocket or side coat pocket
- Carry as little cash as possible
- Have your key ready in your hand so you can open the door to your home or car immediately
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave right away and go immediately to an area with lights and people; get help if necessary
- Property can be replaced--your life cannot

**PLEASE BE REMINDED -- SINCE 2006, 86% OF THE SUSPICIOUS PERSONS REPORTED TO UT POLICE WERE IN FACT PERSONS WHO HAD NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS ON PROPERTY.**

If you observe suspicious persons on or adjacent to UT properties contact UT Police immediately at (713) 792-2890.

For additional information and services see the UT Police website [www.mdanderson.org/utpd/](http://www.mdanderson.org/utpd/)