



Jan. 31, 2019

Robbery

At about 2 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, the University of Missouri Police Department received a report that an individual had been robbed at knifepoint in front of Memorial Union on Hitt Street. The individual reported that the robbery had occurred at about 1:30 a.m. by two male subjects in their 20s.

One of the subjects punched the individual and took the individual's cell phone. The individual chased the two subjects east toward College Avenue. During the chase, one of the subjects threw down the cell phone, which was retrieved by the individual.

Both subjects reportedly said they had guns, but the individual only saw one knife during the incident. MUPD is continuing to work with the individual to get a more detailed description of the subjects.

Anyone with information regarding this offense is encouraged to contact MU Police Department at 573-882-7201, or call CrimeStoppers at 573-875-TIPS (8477) to remain anonymous.

This information is provided to the community in an effort to keep the community informed of crimes on campus. MUPD encourages all victims of crime to report any incident so they may receive assistance, counseling and help. Reports to police can also help MUPD apprehend the suspect and provide accurate crime statistics to the community.

While individuals can do everything correctly and still be the victim of a crime, MUPD has posted several tips, covering various safety topics to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of a crime that can be reviewed and printed at: <http://mupolice.com/mupd/safetytips>

The MU Police Department offers the following general safety tips:

- **DON'T BE A HERO!** Your life is worth more than your money or possessions.
- Stay calm. Do not make any sudden movements to upset the robber.
- Follow the robber's directions, but do not volunteer to do or give more.
- Do not make quick movements or argue with the robber.
- Walk with others or make arrangements to leave your destination with others.
- Check in with a friend or family member and let them know that you are leaving/arriving so they are aware of your plans.
- Walk to your vehicle with your keys in hand. If you use a remote, unlock the driver's side door (generally pushing unlock only once on your remote). While approaching your vehicle, keep in mind any vehicle alarms that can be activated by remote.
- Walk with the flow of traffic when walking to your vehicle in the garage. This allows you to see between vehicles as you approach, providing less opportunity for others to remain hidden.
- Check the interior of your vehicle before getting in by glancing in the windows.

- Know the location of the nearest exit and emergency phone. Emergency phones are located at the stairwells of each garage level.
- If you carry mace or other personal protection devices— make sure that you know how to use them and are ready to use them quickly under stress. Make sure they are readily available and not buried in your purse or pocket.
- Mizzou now offers [Rave Guardian](#), which turns any smartphone into a personal safety device. Learn more by visiting mualert.missouri.edu.
- Consider taking a [R.A.D. Basic Self Defense](#) class through MUPD.
- Walk with others or make arrangements to leave a destination with others.
- Check in with a friend or family member and let them know that you are leaving/arriving so they are aware of any plans.
- Other crime prevention tips can be found on the [MUPD website](#).

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