



# CRIME ALERT

## Near WCL Campus

Release Date: 8/24/2012

### Incident:

On Friday, August 24, at approximately 4:30 a.m., a **robbery** occurred outside of the Washington College of Law (WCL). The victim is a WCL student.

### The following was reported to the Department of Public Safety and the Metropolitan Police Department:

The victim withdrew cash from a nearby ATM machine. As the victim walked away from the area, the suspect appeared out of a hiding place near the WCL loading dock. The suspect struck the victim several times and subsequently took the victim's wallet, cell phone, and glasses. The suspect then proceeded to flee the area on foot. The victim sustained minor injuries.

**Suspect Description:** There is no suspect description at this time.

### Make a Confidential Tip through the Department of Public Safety webpage at:

<http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/tips.cfm>

If you have information relating to this incident, or witness suspicious activity, please call the Department of Public Safety at **202-885-3636** or **911** for the Metropolitan Police Department.

#### Safety Tips

- Walk in groups whenever possible and look out for each other.
- Avoid isolated and dark areas.
- Carry your cell phone and keep it accessible.
- If you are approached, take note of the person's appearance, clothing and anything unusual that will help identify the suspect.
- Be aware of the emergency telephones (yellow boxes on pillars, blue light phone towers, and red telephones) located on campus, in building lobbies, elevators, and in parking lots.

#### General Tips

- Report any suspicious activity or suspicious individuals to the Department of Public Safety.
- Program AU Public Safety into your cell phone for emergencies: **202-885-3636**.
- Use the Public Safety Escort Service while walking on campus at night. To arrange for an escort, call **202-885-2527** or use a blue light or red emergency phone.

If you would like a copy of this alert, please visit: <http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/crimealerts.cfm>

*The American University Department of Public Safety (AUDPS) notifies the campus community when crimes are reported to AUDPS or the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) which the University believes represent a continuing threat to its students or employees, in a manner consistent with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. The University uses its best efforts to provide information that is both accurate and helpful, but community members should recognize that the University is able to relay information only as it is reported to AUDPS from MPD. Community members are encouraged to report external incidents to AUDPS to assist in the effective implementation of this program.*

**Emergency: 202-885-3636**