



# CRIME ALERT

## Armed Robbery-Near Campus

Release Date: 11/27/2015

### Incident:

On Friday November 27, at approximately 6pm, an armed robbery (knife) was reported to have occurred on the 4800 block of Massachusetts Ave, NW.

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

The victims had exited the AU shuttle and began to walk towards Starbucks on the 4800 block of Massachusetts Ave. The suspect approached the victims from behind and brandished a knife. The suspect subsequently demanded money from the victims. After the robbery, the suspect fled in an unknown direction. No injuries were reported at the scene.

**Suspect Description:** White male, approximately 5'7" tall between the ages of 16 and 19 years old. He was last seen wearing a blue and yellow flannel jacket with a hood.

### 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. Do not approach the suspect or take any action. Contact law enforcement immediately.

#### 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**.
- The Department of Public Safety provides escorts, twenty-four hours a day/seven days a week, for community members to and from university owned property. To arrange for an escort, call 202-885-2527 or use a blue light or red emergency phone

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