

CRIME ALERT

September 11, 2013

SMU STUDENT ROBBED NEAR PARK CITIES PLAZA

An SMU student reported to police she was robbed of her cell phone near La Madeleine Country French Café in Park Cities Plaza about 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013.

The student said she was walking along the east side of Bush Avenue near the café when a woman in an older, silver-colored, 4-door Saturn pulled alongside her and asked to borrow her cell phone. While the student was leaning into the car to lend her the phone, the woman grabbed the cell phone and sped away, knocking the student to the ground. The student suffered minor injuries. The car was last seen driving toward North Central Expressway.

The suspect was described as a heavy-set black woman in her early 20s wearing a light-colored tank top and shorts.

This incident is being investigated by the SMU Police Department and the University Park Police Department. Contact the University Park Police Department at 214-363-300 or contact the SMU Police Department at 214-768-3333. Information also may be reported anonymously through the SMU Police Department's Silent Witness Program by calling 214-SMU-2TIP or online at <http://www.smu.edu/2tip>

Security Camera Photo of Suspect's Car



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Safety Tips:

- Do not loan your cell phone or other belongings to strangers.
- Always be aware of your surroundings, especially in parking lots, garages and streets.
- Have your keys ready as you approach your car, and always lock your doors after entering.
- Exercise caution when you are with people you do not know.
- When meeting a new person or business acquaintance, let friends and family know where you are going. Consider a daytime meeting rather than a night meeting, and meet in a public place.
- If you are the victim of a crime or see something suspicious, call police immediately at 911. Time is of the essence in such situations.