

OFF-CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

March 4, 2013

STUDENTS REPORT BEING ROBBED AT GUNPOINT AT THEIR APARTMENT

Four SMU students have told police they were robbed at gunpoint about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, March 3, 2013, by two men who forced their way into their apartment at the Amesbury Park Apartments in the 4600 block of Amesbury Drive on the east side of North Central Expressway near the SMU campus.

The students said they were returning home early Sunday when they noticed three persons in a burgundy-colored, older model, 4-door Buick parked in the apartment's parking lot. The students said they spoke briefly to the car's occupants as they went toward their apartment. A few minutes later there was a knock at their door and when they answered, two of the car's occupants were there, asking for a glass of water.

One of the students said he closed the door, got the water, and when he returned and opened the door again, one of the men pointed a gun at him. The two men forced their way into the apartment and demanded money and drugs. The students said they did not have any drugs, so the intruders took their wallets and other personal belongings.

During the robbery, two of the students' friends came to see them and they, too, were robbed.

The alleged robbers are described as:

- A thin built black male about 5 feet 6 inches tall and about 25 years old. He was wearing a black hoodie with a black headband, and his hair was braided underneath the hoodie. He had scruffy facial hair and was wearing baggie jeans rolled up with white socks and tennis shoes. He said he graduated from Lake Highlands High School in 2005.
- A stocky black male about 6 feet tall with short hair and about 25 years old. He was wearing a red Budweiser jacket, baggie jeans and tennis shoes.

The third person in the car was described as a black female with blonde hair.

This incident is being investigated by the Dallas Police Department. Anyone with information about this matter is asked to contact the Dallas Police Department, Robbery Unit, at 214-671-3584 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>

Safety Tips

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid walking alone, especially at night.
- Do not open your door to strangers, especially at night.
- If you see or hear anything suspicious, call 911 immediately.
- If you are the victim of a crime, call 911 or the SMU Police at 214-768-3333 as soon as possible. Time is of the essence in such situations.