SECURITY ALERT!



Memorandum

To: All Students, Staff and Faculty

From: John Marshall, Director – Department of Security

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Subject: Security Bulletin – Vehicle Crimes / Suspicious Persons

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS:

Loma Linda University Health Department of Security has responded recently to a few instances of people being approached, at times, in a disruptive, inappropriate or even belligerent manner by transients on campus. Our primary concern is your safety and the safety of those around you.

Should you be approached by <u>ANYONE</u> that makes you uncomfortable or is acting inappropriately or suspiciously we ask that you take these steps for your safety:

- Avoid confrontations and maintain a safe distance. Use caution, retreat to a safe area and summon help.
- Do not offer food or money- It may encourage more panhandling. If you are inclined to
 help the homeless, it is better to contribute to local charities, missions, food banks, or
 social service organizations that assist the needy.
- Do not invite anyone to camp or loiter on LLUH property.
- Do not invite anyone to store shopping carts, bedding, or other personal belongings on Loma Linda University Health property.
- CALL SECURITY! (909)558-4320 or ex. 44320 or 911!

VEHICLE CRIMES:

In just the last seven days we have seen an increase in vehicle crimes on campus involving valuables left in locked or unlocked cars. The suspects have been captured on video and it is our hope that they are apprehended soon. We would like to encourage students, staff, faculty and visitors to be especially vigilant and aware of suspicious behavior. We are currently working with local law enforcement to address this crime increase and provide any assistance they may need.

Here are some important reminders:

- **Do not leave valuables** anywhere inside your vehicle, such as cell phones, global positioning systems (GPS), laptop computers and cases, MP3 players, chargers, book bags, handbags, brief cases, wallets, loose change, and gym bags. Take the items with you or leave them at home. If you must leave items in your vehicle trunk, do so *before* you arrive at your destination.
- Remove your keys from the ignition.
- Lock your vehicle and close all windows.
- Use a vehicle alarm system or other anti-theft device.
- Report missing or stolen vehicles immediately.
- **Do not confront the suspect(s)**, but be a good witness by noting their physical descriptions, clothing, actions, direction of travel and vehicle, if any.

Report suspicious activity to LLUH Department of Security at 909-558-4320. Use an emergency "blue light" phone located in most parking lots or dial 911.