

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT
November 17, 2009

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

Crime Alerts are issued to inform the UMBC Campus of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the campus.

Off-Campus Shooting:

Baltimore County Police are actively investigating a shooting off campus in the Catonsville community of Baltimore County that occurred this evening, November 17th, 2009. The shooting occurred in the 700 Block of Frederick Rd. in Catonsville, Baltimore County Maryland.

No further details are available at this time.

The suspect was last seen on foot in the 700 Block of Frederick Road, generally north of the UMBC campus.

Suspect Description:

Black male, (no approximate age reported); 6' 01" height. The suspect is last seen wearing a black mask and all black clothing, and is reported armed with a gun. Suspect is last known to be in the area of the 700 Block of Frederick Road in Catonsville, Baltimore County Maryland.

Vehicle Description:

None at this time.

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

November 13, 2009

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

Crime Alerts are issued to inform the UMBC Campus of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the campus.

Off Campus Street Robbery:

At approximately 1:15 A.M. Baltimore County Police responded a report of a street robbery that occurred in the 1000 Block of Maiden Choice Lane, east of the UMBC Campus. Baltimore County Police indicate a male victim reported that two males robbed him of currency and a cellular telephone. The males were unarmed.

The suspects fled on foot, eastbound toward Elmridge Avenue to an unknown location. Elmridge Avenue is further east of the UMBC Campus. The males are described as follows.

Suspect # 1 is described as a white male, approximately 6 feet in height, 180 pounds and medium build. No further description.

Suspect # 2 is described as a white male, approximately 6 feet in height, 180 pounds and medium build. This suspect was last seen wearing a black or dark colored jacket. No further description.

Baltimore County Police are handling the investigation. Anyone with information related to this robbery should contact the Baltimore County Police Department at 410-887-0872, or via the Baltimore County 911 Emergency Communications Center.

UMBC community members are urged to always take the following precautions:

- Walk in well-lighted areas.
- Avoid bushes and wooded areas, especially at night.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not walk alone.

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

November 6 2009

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

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Off-Campus Street Robbery

Baltimore County Police received a report of a robbery on Friday, November 6, at approximately 9:45 p.m. that took place in the 900 Block of Hooper Avenue, east of the UMBC Campus. The offense occurred on the street and the suspect took an undetermined amount of currency. The victim was uninjured in the offense.

The suspect did not display, nor feign a weapon and was last seen fleeing on foot from the 900 Block of Hooper Avenue towards Maiden Choice Lane.

The suspect is described as an African American male, 20 to 25 years of age, approximately 6 feet and 2 inches height; and was last seen wearing a light colored shirt and blue jeans.

The Baltimore County Police Department is investigating this incident as it happened off the campus of UMBC.

Although the suspect in the case is described as being African American, if anyone observes anything or anyone suspicious, please call the UMBC Police on campus at 410-455-5555 or dial 911 if away from the campus. We urge everyone to be alert and use caution while traveling on and around the UMBC campus.

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

November 1, 2009

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

Crime Alerts are issued to inform the UMBC Campus of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the campus.

UMBC Police received information on Sunday November 01, that the Baltimore County Police Department is investigating an armed robbery that occurred off-campus shortly after 12 p.m. on East Drive. Although the robbery did not occur at UMBC, its proximity to our campus raised enough concern that we want to inform you of the incident

Off-Campus Armed Robbery: at Rita's Italian Ice on East Drive, Arbutus, Md. No injuries at this time. Suspect used a pocket knife in the robbery. Suspect ran towards Maple Ave.

Suspect Description : White Male 20's, 5'09" 170lbs, wearing a blue or black "Hoodie", dark blue jeans, black shoes, and a blue bandana covering face.

Again, the incident did not occur on campus but we want to remind our campus community to be alert and to exercise caution when traveling in the area. If you have any questions or concerns about on- or off-campus safety, please contact the UMBC Police at ext. 5-5555.

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

September 10, 2009

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

Crime Alerts are issued to inform the UMBC Campus of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the campus.

Theft Scheme Involving Library Books:

In a recent and on going investigation by members of the UMBC Police Department identifying a theft scheme discovered during the arrests of individuals for theft of library books, both on and off campus, police discovered a suspect to have engaged in a scam to solicit or encourage a student to provide the suspect with multiple library books legitimately checked out by the victim student with an issued library account, then surrendered to the suspect upon the pretense of a reported family emergency. The suspect then sold the books at a textbook exchange for cash; or placed the books at a textbook exchange shop on a consignment basis, leaving the student liable for the loss of the library books.

Method of Operation:

Police investigation has determined that the suspect in at least one case had approached a student at the library, reporting to the victim a close family member had died from a preexisting heart ailment and had further reported they needed to get to a hospital immediately to see their family member before the family member is moved.

The suspect reported they are a student and they had not yet received their ID card. The suspect then asked the victim student to assist them by checking out library books for them that they desperately need for classes, so they could leave the library immediately to get to the hospital.

The suspect provided both a reported home telephone number and a cellular telephone number to the student to reassure them of the return of the books and promised to return the books the following week. Both telephone numbers proved to be false, as well as the reported pretense for the request for assistance.

Suspect Description: Apprehended and pending trial.

The UMBC Police Department seeks to inform the public to use caution in providing assistance to individuals attempting to solicit assistance on the pretense of a family emergency or other reported unexpected circumstance.

Emergencies offered as explanation of a need to receive any immediate payment of money or the surrender of property to be returned at a later date or to be returned with a payment of quick interest or reward are frequently later identified as a scam with an underlying criminal purpose. Many become victims of these types of scams and the victims are frequently without recourse beyond informing local police.

PREVENTION:

DO NOT be easily swayed by the reported and apparent distress of a person seeking to receive money or property on the pretense of the return of the money or property at a later date.

DO NOT agree to engage in any reported plan or opportunity for a quick reward or quick cash; or in any high value, low risk, for profit schemes. These rarely, if ever, occur in public places and rarely involve persons you've never met before. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true; it probably is too good to be true.

NEVER PROVIDE your name, address, telephone numbers, personal identifiers (Driver's License Number; Social Security Number, Library Account Number; Bank Account Number etc...) or your credit card account information or banking information to anyone that you do not know or with whom you are not conducting a legitimate business transaction with. These identifiers are frequently misused for criminal purposes.

DO CALL POLICE if you believe you were approached by any person with a "distress" circumstance, who attempted to solicit money or property from you; or by someone reporting a quick cash reward or a for profit scheme. These individuals frequently repeat their method of operation, traveling from one place to another until they find a victim. They operate in this manner to avoid detection, identification and apprehension.

CANCEL - SUSPECT APPREHENDED - CANCEL

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

June 21, 2009

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

Crime Alerts are issued to inform the UMBC Campus of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the campus.

Off-Campus Robbery:

Police received information that on Sunday June 21, 2009 at 6:52 P.M. a Black male approximately 6 feet in height, wearing all dark clothing displayed a handgun and robbed the Mars Supermarket located on Maiden Choice Lane in Arbutus. The unknown suspect may have been injured before he fled from the area. The suspect fled from the area in a dark colored car.

The Baltimore County Police Department is investigating this incident as it happened off the campus of UMBC.

If anyone observes anything or anyone suspicious, please call the UMBC Police on campus at 410-455-5555, or dial 911 away from the campus.

We urge everyone to be alert and use caution.

Suspect Description: Unknown Black Male approximately 6 feet in height, last seen wearing dark clothing. He may have visible signs of injury. He may be still armed with a handgun. No Further Description.

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT
April 20, 2009

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department 410-455-5555

Crime Alerts are issued to inform the UMBC Campus of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the campus.

REPORTED HOME INVASION ROBBERY: 1200 Block of Maple Avenue

On April 20, 2009 at approximately 8:00 AM to 8:15 AM Baltimore County Police responded to a home in the 1200 Block of Maple Avenue, near the perimeter of the UMBC Campus for a report of a home invasion type robbery. Preliminary information indicates two unidentified suspects entered the victims' home, assaulting and robbing them.

Suspect #1 is described as a black male; early to mid 20's as to age, approximately 5 feet and 08 inches as to height, with a beard. Suspect #1 is reported wearing dark clothing.

No further description.

Suspect #2, also described as a black male, is approximately 5 feet and 11 inches as to height and is reported having a light complexion. Suspect #2 is reported wearing dark clothing as well.

No further description.

Both men were reported last seen on foot in the 1200 Block of Maple Avenue. No further information to report at this time.

Anyone with information related to this robbery should contact the Baltimore County Police Department at 410-887-0872 or via the Baltimore County 911 Emergency Communications Center.

UMBC community members are urged to take the following precautions:

- Walk in well-lighted areas.
- Avoid bushes and wooded areas, especially at night.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not walk alone.
- Use caution in opening your door to unexpected visitors.
- Contact the UMBC Police Department for an escort.
- Be familiar with the locations of the emergency blue light phones

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

April 2, 2009

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

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On Campus Theft from Vehicles

Recently the UMBC Police Department has responded to incidents of vehicles being broken into on the main campus. In particular, the last few days there has been four (4) thefts from vehicle involving smashed windows and the removal of small electronics, iPod and an MP3 Player, as well as Parking Hangers.

The UMBC Police Department requests all members of the UMBC community assist us by contacting us if you see anyone or anything that appears to be suspicious in the parking areas. Remember UMBC Police can be reached by dialing X55555 from any campus phone or 410-455-5555 from a non-campus phone.

Also, to lessen the possibility of your car from being broken into we suggest the following:

- * Take the time to make sure you do not have anything of value in places in your car where it can be seen while people walk near your car.
- * If possible remove valuables and other items from your car prior leaving the parking area. If you have to leave anything in your car put it in your trunk.
- * Be sure to close all windows and lock all car doors. If your vehicle is broken into contact the UMBC Police Department right away.

Please call the UMBC police if you have any information that would be helpful in solving these incidents.

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

February 9, 2009

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

Crime Alerts are issued to inform the UMBC Campus of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the campus.

Theft from Vehicles – Follow-up

Over the past week the UMBC Police Department has been conducting an investigation into the three recently reported thefts of catalytic converters from parking lots #5, #8 and #9. These thefts have targeted SUVs specifically the Toyota 4-Runner and Jeep vehicles.

Detective John Taylor of our UMBC Police Department has been leading the investigation with cooperation from the Baltimore County Police Department, Wilkens Precinct. The continuing investigation has resulted in the arrest of one suspect, Christopher Eugene Budde, white male, age 35 who resides at 1312 Highland Ave, Baltimore, Maryland. Budde, a non-UMBC student, was apprehended, arrested and charged with multiple theft related crimes on February 6, 2009, specifically involving the incidents that occurred at UMBC.

This investigation is currently ongoing. We expect to file additional charges and to recover more stolen catalytic converters. It should be mentioned that we could have not effected this arrest without the cooperation of the victims in these cases.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform everyone that although one arrest has been made, there may be additional person(s) involved who may return to our campus.

Everyone should remain vigilant, aware of their surroundings, and report all suspicious activities to the UMBC Police Department at 410-455-5555, (X55555 from a campus phone), use a blue light emergency phone, or e-mail the police at police@umbc.edu

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

February 5, 2009

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

Crime Alerts are issued to inform the UMBC Campus of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the campus.

Theft from Vehicles

UMBC Police Department requests your assistance in preventing continued thefts from vehicles. In the last three (3) days there has been three (3) thefts of catalytic converters, one each on Parking Lots 5, 8, and 9. The UMBC Police Department advises all community members to be alert for individuals working underneath any parked vehicle in any area of the campus, particularly parking lots. Offender method of operating identified in recent cases has included crawling under a vehicle and using a saw to cut through the exhaust pipes of the vehicle to remove the catalytic converter. A perpetrator of this type of offense may appear as an innocent motorist working on a disabled motor vehicle. These offenses have been reported to occur between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:15 pm.

The UMBC Police Department is asking your help by immediately calling the UMBC Police Communications Center at 410-455-5555 to report any individual seen carrying tools or a container that may hold tools, or anyone who appears to be lingering on UMBC parking lots or garages. Also, be on the look-out for anyone who appears to be working on a parked vehicle, particularly under the vehicle.

In the event that you get into your car, start your engine and you notice the engine is making a loud noise that it was not previously making, it may be because the catalytic converter was removed. Please call the UMBC Police Department immediately so we can initiate an investigation as soon as possible.

Please call the UMBC Police Department if you have any information that would be helpful in solving these incidents. Please do not hesitate to contact the UMBC Police Department if you see anyone who appears to be suspicious or out of place. Contact the UMBC Police Department if you would like an escort on the campus.

The UMBC Police Department is vigilant and working to reduce and/or eliminate these incidents from occurring.

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

November 22, 2008

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

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2nd Degree Assault

On November 22, 2008 at approximately 03:30 AM a non-student reported to police that he had been the victim of an assault in the Hillside Apartments near the Seidling building approximately 45 minutes earlier. The victim stated that he was walking with two unknown men for approximately 10 minutes when they pushed him to the ground and began to kick him. The suspects left by walking down Center Road towards Poplar Avenue. The victim was not injured as a result of this incident nor was any property taken.

Suspect Descriptions

Suspect #1 is a thin black male, approximately 20 years old, approximately 5'10" in height. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, and black NY Yankees baseball hat. He did not have facial hair.

Suspect #2 is a thin black male, approximately 20 years old, approximately 6'2" in height. He was wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans. He had short black hair and a black goatee.

As always, if you observe any suspicious behavior on campus immediately notify the UMBC Police at 410-455-5555 or dial 911 if away from the campus.

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

November 7, 2008

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

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UMBC Police request your assistance in preventing continued thefts from vehicles. In the last few days there has been three (3) thefts of catalytic converters on the main campus. The UMBC Police Department advises all community members to be alert for individuals working underneath any parked vehicle in any parking lot or along any roadway. Offender method of operation identified in recent cases has included crawling under a vehicle and using a saw to cut through the exhaust pipes of the vehicle to remove the catalytic converter. A perpetrator of this type of offense may appear as an innocent motorist working on a disabled motor vehicle. These offenses have been reported to occur at all hours of the day and night.

The UMBC Police Department is asking your help by immediately calling the UMBC Police Communications Center at 410-455-5555 to report any individual who appears to be working on a parked vehicle, particularly under the vehicle.

Please call the UMBC police if you have any information that would be helpful in solving these incidents.



CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

November 4, 2008

Update 11/4/08

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

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Crime Alerts are issued to inform the UMBC Campus of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety of students, facility, staff, and visitors of the campus.

Off-Campus Stabbing

UMBC Police received information that on Tuesday, November 4th just after 2:00 AM a person was stabbed in the head near Maiden Choice Blvd near Westland Blvd. The Baltimore County Police Department is investigating this incident. Although the stabbing did not occur at UMBC, its proximity to our campus raised enough concern that we want to inform you of the incident.

According to the Baltimore County Police a witness observed the red vehicle, driven by the suspect strike the victim with the car. The suspect exited the vehicle and stabbed the victim in the head. The suspect returned to the vehicle, and he and the female passenger fled the scene. The victim was transport to the hospital where he later died. Baltimore County investigators thus far suggest that the incident maybe domestic and/or drug related. No one connected to the UMBC campus were involved in the incident.

Again, the incident did not occur on campus but we want to remind our campus community to be alert and to exercise caution when traveling in the area. If you have any questions or concerns about on- or off-campus safety, please contact the UMBC Police at ext. 5-5555.

Suspect Description

Suspect information received from witnesses:

White / Male, approx. 50 YOA, medium height, heavy build, wearing ¾ length black leather jacket, jeans and hat.

Vehicle Description

Left scene in late model, 2 door red car. Vehicle was occupied by a female passenger. The vehicle was last seen on Linden Ave heading towards Leeds Ave.

This is an update: This incident had no connection to the Penguin Restaurant & Bar on Maiden Choice Lane.

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

October 31, 2008

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

Crime Alerts are issued to inform the UMBC Campus of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety of students, facility, staff, and visitors of the campus.

Off-Campus Home Invasion Robbery

Police received information that on Friday, October 31, at 12:45 p.m. there was a home-invasion robbery that took place adjacent to UMBC at 1217 Locust Avenue. The five victims were in the house when a man described as an African American knocked on the door, presented himself as a plumber and said he was conducting a survey. The man then forced his way into the home along with two other men described as African American. One of the men had a black handgun. The victims were forced to lie on the floor while the suspects removed money and cell phones from the victims. Two of the victims are students at UMBC.

The Baltimore County Police Department is investigating this incident as it happened off the campus of UMBC.

Although the suspects in the case are described as being African American, if anyone observes anything or anyone suspicious, please call the UMBC Police on campus at 410-455-5555 or dial 911 if away from the campus.

We urge everyone to be alert and use caution while traveling on and around the UMBC campus.

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

October 27, 2008

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

Crime Alerts are issued to inform the UMBC Campus of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the campus.

Off-Campus Robbery

UMBC Police received information on Saturday, October 25, that the Baltimore County Police Department is investigating an armed robbery that occurred off-campus on Friday October 24, shortly after 10 p.m. in the 1000 block of Regina Drive near Circle Drive. Although the robbery did not occur at UMBC, its proximity to our campus raised enough concern that we want to inform you of the incident.

According to the Baltimore County Police report, a pizza delivery man had delivered pizza to an address on Regina Drive and was headed back to his car when he was approached by three African-American men who demanded money. One of the men had a black handgun. After the men removed the victim's money and cell phone they ran away from the area. The victim was not injured. There is no additional information or description on the suspects at this time.

Again, the incident did not occur on campus but we want to remind our campus community to be alert and to exercise caution when traveling in the area. If you have any questions or concerns about on- or off-campus safety, please contact the UMBC Police at ext. 5-5555.

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

October 11, 2008

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

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Armed Robbery

On October 11, 2008 at approximately 11:34 PM two UMBC Students reported to police they were the victims of an armed robbery on Inner Hilltop Circle near Hilltop Road approximately 45 minutes prior to notifying the police. One student reported she was robbed of her UMBC Identification card and card holder, UMBC Residential Key, Residential I. D and cell phone. The other student reported he was robbed of his cell phone and his wallet which contained a credit card, a debit card and various identification cards. The suspects ran toward the trees on Hilltop Circle. The students were not injured as a result of this incident.

Suspect #1 was identified as a black male, approximately 20 years old, approximately 6' 3 tall in height. The subject was wearing a blue hooded sweat jacket with his face covered by a black/blue bandanna with some white in color image on it.

Suspect # 2 was approximately 5' 10; wearing a light blue/black hooded sweat jacket with wide stripes no further description.

Suspect # 3 wearing a dark colored hooded sweat jacket, no further description.

There was no vehicle reportedly involved. The weapon was described as a small black handgun with what appeared to be square looking barrel. No further information to report at this time. Anyone with information related to this robbery should contact the UMBC Police Department at 410-455-5555.

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- Be aware of your surroundings
- Do not walk alone
- Contact the UMBC Police Department for an escort
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CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

May 21, 2008

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

Crime Alerts are issued to inform the UMBC Campus of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the campus.

Armed Robbery

UMBC Police responded to a call for a reported armed robbery at the Patuxent apartments this morning at approximately 12:19 AM. The suspects entered the apartment through an unlocked door. Three of the students were in the living room of the apartment when the suspects entered. The other student was in her bedroom. The suspects openly displayed weapons, one a knife and one a handgun, threatened the students by pointing their weapons in a threatening manner. At this point the suspects demanded money and cellular telephones from the students. They fled the apartment with an undetermined amount of money and cellular telephones.

Suspect # 1 Black Male, 18 to 25 Years of Age, 6'-02" Height, Thin Build, Brown Eyes, Medium Complexion, Last Seen Wearing: Black Hoodie, Dark Pants, Black Bandana over his face. Armed with a handgun.

Suspect # 2 Asian Male, 18 to 25 Years of Age, 6'-02" Height, Thin Build, Brown Eyes, Medium Complexion, Last Seen Wearing: Black Hoodie, Dark Pants, Black Bandana over his face. Armed with a knife.

Baltimore County Police are handling the investigation, with UMBC Police assisting.

If you have any information please call the UMBC Police Department at X55555 (410-455-5555).

Remember: Keep room doors and suite doors locked at all time and do not open your door unless you can identify the person seeking entrance.

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

June 11, 2008

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

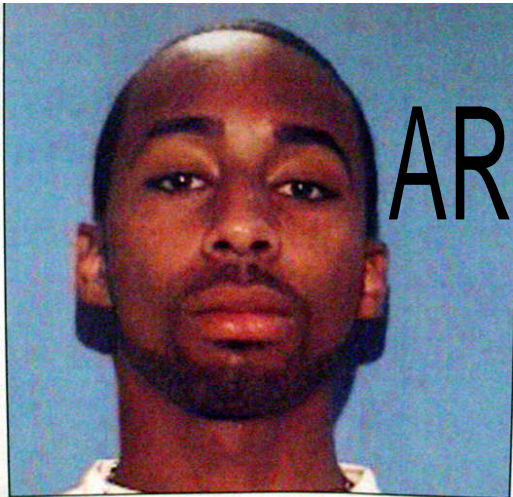
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Arrest Warrant on File

An arrest warrant has been issued for the below person. The warrant is held by the UMBC Police Department. If this person is seen in your area, take no action of your own, and call the UMBC Police Department 410.455.5555 / 410.455.3136

Christopher Aaron Butler, B/M, 6'4", 200 lbs., DOB 12-25-1983

May operate these vehicles: 2006 Nissan 2dr, MD Plate 2BJ A47 or 1997 Acura, MD Plate MTG 593



ARRESTED 080408

The defendant is alleged responsible for several lockers being broken into by force at the UMBC RAC Center, with the defendant making use of stolen credit cards taken from wallets within the lockers. Other jurisdictions are asked to review any similar reports for comparison.

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

May 21, 2008

Crime Alert from the UMBC Police Department

410-455-5555

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Theft of Vehicle Parts & Accessories

UMBC Police request your assistance in preventing continued thefts of vehicle parts and accessories. The UMBC Police Department advises all community members to be alert for individuals working underneath any parked vehicle in any parking lot or along any roadway as there have been an increased number of thefts in the region of vehicle parts and accessories, to include parts from the undercarriage of parked vehicles. Offender method of operating identified in recent cases has included crawling under a vehicle and using a saw to cut through the exhaust pipes of the vehicle to remove the catalytic converter. A perpetrator of this type of offense may appear as an innocent motorist working on a disabled motor vehicle. These offenses have been reported to occur at all hours of the day and night.

The UMBC Police Department is asking your help by calling the UMBC Police Communications Center at 410-455-5555 to report any individual who appears to be working on a parked vehicle, particularly under the vehicle.