Street Scams

INCIDENT: Strong Arm Robbery

ALERT #: CA2014-002

REPORTED OFFENSE: USC student reported that he was flagged down by Suspect #1. Suspect #1 and #2 drove a late model silver Lincoln SUV. Suspect #1 stated he was having financial problems and needed money to pay his bills. The student went with the suspects to his bank and gave Suspect #1 a large amount of money from his bank account. In addition, suspect #1 stated that he was an Italian fashion designer and attempted to sell the student suits. There have been other similar scams recently near campus involving the same suspect.

DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 02/17/14 at approximately 4:20 PM

LOCATION: 1100 block of West 25th St (Off Campus)

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION (provided by complainant):

Suspect #1: Male about 40 years old, with a possible fake Italian accent, dark hair and wearing a white long sleeve dress shirt.

Suspect #2: Female in the front passenger seat of the SUV. Hispanic female in her early 20’s, with long dark hair, wearing a white colored tank top.

SUSPECT VEHICLE: Late model silver Lincoln SUV / Lic# 7DVB186 (suspect may be using various rental vehicles)

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THESE CRIMES, CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AT (213) 740-4321 OR LAPD SOUTHWEST AREA AT (213) 485-6571

TAKE A STAND AGAINST SCAM ARTIST

- It is not always easy to spot con artists. They're smart, extremely persuasive, and aggressive. They invade your home by telephone and mail, advertise in well-known newspapers and magazines, and come to your door.
- Most people think they are too smart to fall for a scam. Nevertheless, con artists rob all kinds of people - from investment counselors and doctors to teenagers and elderly widows - of billions of dollars every year.
- Just remember... if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
- If you observe a crime in progress, STAY CALM AND CALL DPS (213)740-4321.
- If you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Any suspicious persons or activities should be reported to DPS or LAPD immediately.
- BE A GOOD WITNESS. Describe exactly what you observed with as many details as possible. Give complete descriptions such as sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, tattoos, and scars. Try to get the license plate if a vehicle is involved.
- Report Crime ANONYMOUSLY via Trojans Care For Trojans https://sait.usc.edu/ca/tc4t/reporting.asp