

CRIME ALERT – Burglary One

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The Howard University Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) are actively investigating a Burglary One offense that occurred this morning on the second floor of the Howard Plaza Towers East residence hall.

At approximately 6:45 a.m., an unknown male suspect entered a female Howard University student's room and took her cell phone. The initial investigation has revealed that the suspect gained access to the room through an unlocked room door. There were no injuries sustained during the incident.

The suspect is described as a Black male, approximately 6 feet tall, 170 pounds, wearing a black hooded jacket and black pants. The investigation is ongoing and it has not yet been confirmed whether or not the suspect is affiliated with Howard University.

However, a short time after the incident was reported DPS officials were able to track the stolen cell phone to the Northeast quadrant of the city where the signal was eventually lost. Exterior camera footage is currently being analyzed for further details of the incident. As a precaution, we urge the campus community to be sure to keep your room door locked, especially at night and when you are asleep.

Anyone who has knowledge of this Burglary One offense should immediately contact DPS at 202-806-1100, or call 911 to reach MPD.

The Howard University Department of Public Safety notifies the University community when crimes are reported which present a continuing threat to the students, faculty or staff, in a manner consistent with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

General Safety Tips:

- Avoid isolated and dark areas.
- Carry your cell phone and keep it accessible.

- If you are approached, take note of the person's appearance, clothing, and anything that will help to identify the subject.
- Immediately report any suspicious activity or suspicious individuals to the HU Police Department at 202-806-1100; and program this number into your cell phone for quick access.
- Use the Shuttle Service to avoid traveling on foot across campus during the hours of darkness.