UPDATE

Campus crime alert helps nab the robbery suspect in this case

On November 3, 2015, at approximately 7:15 pm a UC Davis student was walking on the Arboretum footpath when the suspect came up from behind the victim and grabbed the victim’s backpack and took the victim’s cell phone from her hand. The suspect then ran back towards campus with the victim’s personal items. Shortly thereafter a campus crime alert was sent out to the community.

The UC Davis Police Department campus crime alerts are sent out to every person who has a UC Davis email address. The very next morning tips from the community started to come in based on the information sent out in the crime alert. One such tip came from our very own UC Davis Fire Department firefighter who saw the suspect walking on campus and immediately called the UC Davis Police Department identifying the suspect’s description and location. Officers arrived on scene and through some investigation determined the suspect was the individual who committed this robbery. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and later booked into the Yolo County Jail on one criminal charge of Robbery.

The suspect was identified as Paul Thompson age 29 of Davis. Thompson is not a UC Davis student.

This incident highlights the importance of the campus crime alerts. Community members used the information from the crime alert to help lead police right to the suspect. This is a prime example of police and community working together to keep our campus safe.

Our many thanks go out to those community members who provided information to help solve this crime and keep our campus safe.

If you would like further information about UC Davis Police Department resources please feel free to visit our website at [www.police.ucdavis.edu](http://www.police.ucdavis.edu)

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