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Dear SBVC students, staff, and faculty,

Over the last 6 weeks, there have been four incidents involving the assault and/or armed robbery of San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) students. The nature of the crimes is not unique to the SBVC campus community or the local area. In fact, they are strikingly similar to incidents that have affected the UC Riverside campus over the last few months. The San Bernardino Community College District is working with numerous law enforcement organizations to not only bring the perpetrators to justice, but to take additional measures to provide a safe experience for the entire campus community.

Although all four incidents took place off campus, the San Bernardino Community College District Police have taken the following steps to ensure the safety of the 11,500+ students, staff, and faculty over the last several weeks:

- Increased patrols around the perimeter of the campus—including at the Pro Swap Meet
- Requested additional patrols from the City of San Bernardino Police Department

Many students may be wondering what they can do to minimize the risk of becoming a target of these crimes. Generally speaking, here are some guidelines to follow:

- Whenever possible, park in campus parking lots (plenty of lighted parking is available in Lots 8 and 9 at all times throughout the day)
- If parking on the street, do not hang out in your car between classes. Instead, select from any number of locations on campus like the Library, Cyber lounge/Student Lounge (inside CC-139), the Cafeteria, the Den Coffee Shop, or any of the common outdoor areas on the quad
- Be aware of your surroundings—especially if wearing headphones or talking/texting on a cell phone

A critical component of every student's success includes the expectation of a safe environment—not the fear or uncertainty of personal well-being. It is my hope that with the increased show of force with SBCCD police officers and security personnel, along with your increased vigilance, we will apprehend the suspects and help return our campus to the normal, safe location that promotes a healthy, safe learning environment.

If you see anything suspicious, do not hesitate to contact SBCCD Police at 909.384.4491 (consider adding this phone number to your cell phone contact list as a precaution). Furthermore, if you feel unsafe and desire an escort to/from your class or vehicle, please contact SBCCD police at the same number and security personnel will see to it that you arrive safely to/from your destination.

Regards,



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