August 8th, 2013

Dear UTSC Community Members

On Wednesday, August 7th, 2013 at approximately 9:30 pm two visitors from the local community were walking along the southeast corner of Military Trail and Ellesmere when they were approached by a male who demanded their cellular phones. No injuries were sustained and the incident was reported to UTSC Community police and Toronto Police Services. The suspect is described as having a dark complexion, approximately five feet, nine inches tall and weighing 160 lbs. He was reportedly wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and dark baggy pants.

If you have any information about this incident, or have been the victim of a similar incident please contact Toronto Police Services at 222-TIPS or UTSC Community Police at 416-287-7333.

UTSC Community Police provide point to point walking escorts on request any time of day or night and any time of year through UTSC Patrol 416-287-7022.

Support for concerns regarding personal safety on campus is provided by the Community Safety Office (416-978-1485);

UTSC Community Police are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 416-287-7333.

Toronto Police Service also offers the following advice on what you can do to prevent becoming a victim:

- Wear your jewelry in a covered up manner;
- Walk with confidence: Keep your head held high and eyes alert;
- Stay off your cellphone while walking;
- Be observant of persons in the area and those following you both in front and behind you;
- If exiting from TTC, be aware of who may be following you;
- Walk in high visibility areas and avoid pathways, parks, and dark locations;
- DO NOT fight back as it may result in injury;
- Call 9-1-1 immediately if you believe you are being followed or been a victim;
- Always report criminal incidents to police;
- Get a good look at the robber and inform police of the robbers description when you call;