GopherWatch Monthly Safety Report: May 2021
Prepared by the Office for Off-Campus Living and neighborhood partners

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*Read about our methodology and find additional information on our webpage [http://ocl.umn.edu/safety/](http://ocl.umn.edu/safety/).

**Crime Highlights:**

➔ Since May 18th, there have been 7 robberies of persons in the Marcy Holmes East Neighborhood. Many of the robberies have happened between 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Suspects have numbered anywhere from 2 to 6 black males

◆ Suspects have been early teens to mid-20's; 5'5" to 6' tall; slim – medium builds; wearing hoodie sweatshirts (pull over and zipped); ripped blue jeans and acid washed blue jeans

◆ Weapons have been displayed and used to physically harm the victim

◆ Suspects have used physical force to take items from victim (i.e. punch to the head or knocked to the ground)

◆ Suspects have been reported to:
  ● Ask for directions before assaulting and/or taking a phone from the victim
  ● Asked to use the victim's phone to enter their contact information
  ● Run up behind the victim and forcibly take items from the victim's hands

**Safety Notes:**

➔ Based on recent robberies in the Marcy Holmes East Neighborhood...

◆ Put your cell phone AWAY, most robberies have involved suspects taking cell phones. DO NOT unlock or give your cell phone to anyone

◆ Be aware of the area around you especially when standing at a corner or on the sidewalk in recent robberies cars have been circling blocks and following people. Think about what cars and people are doing around you.

◆ Trust your instincts. Do not rationalize strange or odd behavior

➔ The 2nd Precinct recommends the following

◆ Do not put yourself in harm's way. Some victims have fought back against the suspects, know your strengths and know how you will react in these type of incidents

◆ If you believe you are being followed call 911 or use the panic call on your phone

◆ At night carry a flashlight and light up the path you are traveling and use it to identify people and sounds around you

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