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## Boston University police warn campus about recent area crimes

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By **Matt Rocheleau**, Town Correspondent

Boston University police today warned the campus of some recent crimes reported nearby, including cell phone robberies and an assault.

A woman [recently reported](#) to State Police that while jogging on the Esplanade she was attacked by three men, who punched her in the head twice before she was able to escape, BUPD Chief Thomas G. Robbins said in an advisory to students Friday. The attack happened at about 10 p.m. on Oct. 15 near the Community Boating building.

Two of the three unarmed robberies reported to the college's police department during October took place on Bay State Road, Robbins said.

Both were similar, he said. The victims were BU students, reported that they were approached late at night and the suspects grabbed cell phones from their hands and then ran, according to the chief's letter. No injuries were reported.

A man not affiliated with the school reported that his cell phone was robbed at night near the Malvern and Ashford streets intersection, the chief said. The victim told officials he was thrown to the ground and kicked once by the assailants.

There was also one attempted nighttime robbery reported, officials said. A female BU student told police that someone tried to grab her cell phone from her hand while she was walking near 730 Commonwealth Ave.

BUPD and Boston Police are investigating all four robbery-related incidents, Robbins said.

"Although Boston University is located in a relatively safe area of the city, there still remains criminal activity consistent with urban life," he wrote.

He reminded campus community members to: remain aware of their surroundings; avoid walking alone, especially at night, and make use of the University's escort security service; keep valuables out of sight; and report suspicious people and activity to police.

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