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BU students robbed at gunpoint in Brookline near campus for 2nd time in 3 days

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Three Boston University students were robbed at gunpoint while walking along Brookline streets just off campus late Tuesday afternoon according to authorities and school officials.

In a similar incident early Sunday morning, two BU students were robbed at gunpoint while walking along nearby Brookline streets, [officials have said](#). No injuries were reported in either incident.

The university said that both Brookline Police and Boston University Police plan to increase patrols in the area.

Just after 5 p.m. Tuesday, Brookline officers responded to a reported armed robbery at St. Paul and Egmont streets, which is two blocks south of the university's campus along Commonwealth Avenue, according to the [police department's blog](#).

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Three local college students told officers they were shown a hand gun and robbed, the blog said. The students were three male BU students, according to the university's news website, [BU Today](#).

The students described the robbers as being black males in their late teens, according to police.

The university's news site said a North Face backpack was stolen from the students.

The campus police department issued a university-wide alert about a half hour after Tuesday's alleged robbery, the school said.

A male and female BU student reported being robbed at gunpoint of their cell phones and cash at about 3 a.m. Sunday near Thorndike Street and Hamilton Road, authorities and school officials have said. They described the two people who allegedly robbed them as being black males in their late teens.

Police have not determined whether the incidents are related, the university news site said.

"We remain very concerned about this recent outbreak of crime," Peter Fiedler, vice president for administrative services at BU, said in a statement. "We will use all resources available to apprehend the perpetrators."

"The Boston University police are working very closely with the Brookline police to make this community as safe as we can make it," Dean of Students Kenneth Elmore added. "Any additional vigilance that anyone can use in these times will be very helpful to all of us."

Campus police advised students and others to be aware of their surroundings; avoid poorly lit areas late at night; get a ride instead of walking, or, if that's not possible, walk in large groups; don't wear headphones or use your cell phone.

Suspicious people and activity on or near campus can be reported to the Boston University Police Department by calling 617-353-2121 or texting tip411 (847411), keyword: BU.

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