



W Police Department

Community Safety Bulletin

Bulletin Issued: Friday, December. 20, 2019

On Thursday, Dec. 19, The W Police Department was made aware of a shooting incident that occurred around the 1700 block of Fifth Avenue South. As a result of the incident, two individuals sustained injuries. After communicating with the Columbus Police Department, the W Police Department was informed that a person of interest was in custody and determined that there was no immediate threat to the university.

The Columbus Police Department is continuing to investigate the incident.

As the holiday season gets into full swing, the W Police Department would like to remind you to be aware of your surroundings and heed the following safety tips:

- Avoid walking and traveling alone when possible
- Park in a well-lit area so you can see your car and surroundings from as far as away as possible
- Always walk with confidence and with purpose and with your head up
- Be prepared to enter your vehicle (when you are looking for your keys or on your phone, you may be distracted from what is going on around you); lock doors immediately after entering
- Be aware of strangers approaching you for any reason
- Report a suspicious person or suspicious activity
- Do not leave packages or valuable on the seat of your car
- Glance into the back seat and floor boards of your car before you enter and check for anyone who may be hiding inside
- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside or in a well-lighted location

If you see an individual in distress or you feel threatened in any given situation, please call the MUW PD at (662) 241-7777 or 911.

In the event an emergency situation arises, either on or off campus, that constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide alert will be issued through the University's text messaging system called W-Alert to students, faculty and staff. Please take a moment to sign up for the W-Alert at www.muw.edu/police/preparedness/walertsignup.

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