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Clery Crime Alert

Attempted Robbery

On November 24, 2026, Columbia University Public Safety was notified of an attempted robbery that occurred in the vicinity of West 118th Street and Broadway on November 23, 2026, at around 6:30 PM.

A student reported being approached by three individuals, described as middle-aged males, who were traveling in a black GMC SUV. One of the suspects asked the student for assistance. The student was then brought into the vehicle at gunpoint, where the suspects demanded money.

The student was subsequently escorted by one of the suspects to their residence hall to retrieve their wallet and then to the Chase Bank located at West 125th Street and Broadway to withdraw money. After withdrawing money from the ATM, the student alerted bank security, at which point the suspect fled.

The suspect who escorted the student was captured on CCTV and is described as a male with a light complexion and facial hair, wearing an olive-green top and pants, brown shoes without socks, a gold watch, and a cream-colored Kangol hat.



NYPD was notified.

No additional information is available at this time. If you have any additional information regarding this incident, please contact Investigator Torres at 212-854-0377 and reference report number 26-004285.

Harm Reduction Strategies:

- No one is ever responsible for a crime committed against them. The responsibility lies entirely with the perpetrator. If something happens, we encourage you to report it. Reporting helps protect others and ensures you can access support and services. Report the incident to the Department of Public Safety at
  - Morningside: 212-854-5555
  - Manhattanville: 212-853-3333
  - Medical Center: 212-305-7979
- Never enter a stranger's vehicle, even if the individual appears friendly or is requesting assistance.
- Trust your instincts. If a situation makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, leave the area when it is safe to do so.
- Walk in groups whenever you can. There is always safety in numbers.

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