



Clery Crime Alert Burglary

On Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at approximately 9:55 a.m. a Burglary occurred at 181 Claremont Avenue, at the Morningside Campus.

A video review shows an individual randomly pressing the intercom in an attempt to gain entry. The individual waits in the vestibule until an unknown tenant enters and then “piggybacks” behind them into the building. Once inside of the building, the individual removed one package. The individual was last seen walking south on Broadway from West 125th Street.

The incident was reported to Columbia University Public Safety on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. If you have any additional information about this incident, please contact Public Safety at 212-854-2797.

The same individual committed a similar crime on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 5:20 a.m. at 181 Claremont Avenue at the Morningside Campus.

The individual is described as male presenting, with a medium complexion, wearing a black knit hat, white facemask, white T-Shirt, brown sweatpants, black sneakers, and a blue winter jacket.

Safety Tips

- Do not buzz people into a building unless you know who they are and what they are doing.
- Please try to retrieve your package in a timely manner.
- Do not allow people to “piggyback” into a building with you. If someone is “piggybacking” into a building and you do not feel safe stopping them, please call Public Safety at 212 854-2797 as soon as you are able to.
- Please report any broken doors, locks, or entrances to your building super as soon as possible.



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