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Clery Crime Alert

Aggravated Assault

On October 18, 2026, Columbia University Public Safety was informed by the NYPD of an aggravated assault that occurred on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at approximately 11:05 p.m. in front of 80 Claremont Avenue, near the Morningside Campus

The NYPD reported that a Columbia University affiliate was walking on Claremont Avenue when an unknown individual approached and struck the affiliate in the back of the head with a glass bottle. CCTV footage confirmed the incident. At this time, there are no reported injuries.

The individual appears to be a dark-complexioned, male-presenting person with a goatee, wearing a red and black plaid coat with gray sleeves and black pants.

No other information is currently available. If you have any additional information about this incident, please contact Investigator Daley at 212-854-6634 and reference case number 26-003742.

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
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially when alone at night.
- Avoid walking or biking alone at night. When there are less people around, you are in more danger of being targeted.

- Stay alert and tuned in to your environment. Remember that cell phones, earbuds, and other electronic devices divert your attention from your surroundings and block out environmental sound, which increases your vulnerability.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel that you may be in danger, seek out others, a store, or an open CU building that has Public Safety Officers posted. Remember to look for the Red Lion, the logo for the CU Public Safety Safe Haven program, which has screened more than 130 businesses near the Morningside, Manhattanville, and Medical Center Campuses.

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