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Clery Crime Alert

Arson

On Friday, November 08, 2024, at around 5:40 a.m. an Arson occurred at 549 Riverside Drive, at the Morningside Campus.

The incident was reported to Columbia University's Department of Public Safety by an Allied Universal Security Officer at around 5:45 a.m. CCTV shows an individual lighting leaves on fire. The fire grew and caused damage to two vehicles. At around 5:50 a.m. both the NYPD and the FDNY reported to the scene. The FDNY extinguished the fire. This incident may be related to a different fire that occurred at around 2:00 a.m. inside Riverside Park and across from 560 Riverside Drive. If you have any additional information about this incident, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 212-854-2797.

The suspect is described as a male-presenting, light-complexioned, wearing tan pants, a dark hooded jacket and black sneakers.

Safety Tips

- Where there is smoke, there may be fire. If you smell smoke or witness a fire, get to a safe location and call 911 and the Department of Public Safety.
- Do not try to extinguish an out-of-control fire by yourself.



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