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Clery Crime Alert

Aggravated Assault

On November 12, 2026, Columbia University Public Safety was informed by the NYPD of an aggravated assault that occurred at approximately 8:21 p.m. in front of 600 West 116th Street, near the Morningside Campus.

The NYPD reported that an affiliate was walking on West 116th Street when an unknown individual approached and struck the affiliate in the back of the neck causing a laceration. The subject then fled northbound on Broadway, and their current whereabouts are unknown. CCTV footage confirmed the incident.

The individual is shown in the image below:



Barnard College has also sent a timely warning notification regarding the same incident. If you have any additional information about this incident, or the location of the subject who attacked the affiliate, please contact Investigator Torres at 212-854-0377 and reference case # 26-004132 or Barnard CARES at 212-854-6666.

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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