

## Clery Crime Alert

### Robbery / Hate Crime

The NYPD has informed the Columbia University Department of Public Safety of a Robbery / Hate Crime incident which took place on Monday, December 9, 2024, at approximately 3:30 PM on West 116th Street and Broadway.

A Columbia University student reported to the NYPD that during a demonstration an unknown individual stole their Israeli flag and ran westbound on West 116th Street. The student pursued the individual to Claremont Avenue and the unknown suspect punched the student in the face. This incident is being classified as a Hate Crime and is currently under investigation by the NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force. If anyone has information about this incident, please contact the Hate Crimes Task Force at 212-477-9879 and the Department Columbia University Public Safety at 212-854-2797.

**Description (or Picture) of Reported Offender:** The suspect was described as male-presenting, with a medium complexion, short curly dark hair and a fit build. There is currently no indication that the suspect is affiliated with the University.



#### Safety Tips

- If you are the victim of a robbery or theft, it is not recommended to pursue or fight the aggressor as this may put in further risk.
- Trust your gut. If you think you may be in an unsafe environment, leave the area immediately.

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