



## Clery Crime Alert

### Robbery

On Monday, December 23, 2024, at around 3:39 p.m., a Robbery occurred between West 118th and West 120th Streets on Broadway, at the Morningside Campus.

The complainant, a Columbia University student, reported that an unknown individual riding a bicycle attempted to snatch their purse from them. When they were unsuccessful, the unknown individual snatched their iPhone instead. The unknown individual was accompanied by around 10 other bicyclists. A second complainant, a Teachers College student, also reported that their iPhone was snatched by the same group of people.

The suspect is described as male-presenting, wearing a dark hooded puffer coat, black sweatpants, white and black sneakers, a black face mask, and riding a neon green or yellow bicycle.

#### Safety Tips

- Be aware of your surroundings, especially when walking alone.
- 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.
- Be wary of scooters or other small vehicles that are driving too close to the sidewalk.



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