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Crime Informational

Public Lewdness / Forcible Touching

Columbia University Public Safety has received several reports of an unidentified man exposing himself inside Morningside Park. The reported incidents are as follows:

- Saturday September 23, 2023 at 8:45PM male exposed himself to an affiliate at the bottom of the stairs at West 116 Street
- Monday September 25, 2023 at 8:20AM male exposed himself to an affiliate inside the park in the vicinity of West 114 Street
- Monday September 25, 2023 at 8:26AM male grabbed an affiliate in the groin while exposing himself at the bottom of the stairs at West 116 Street
- Wednesday September 27, 2023 at 7:51PM male exposed himself to a non-affiliate at the bottom of the stairs at West 116 Street

The male was described by the victims as appearing to be African-American approximately 5'7" to 6' in height wearing dark clothing in the first three incidents. In the fourth incident the male was reported wearing a red zip-up hoodie, red and white t-shirt, and black jeans. If he is seen in or around the area contact Public Safety at 212-854-5555 and NYPD 911.

Columbia University provides various shuttle and escort service throughout the day and evenings. Routes and schedules can be found on the Columbia Transportation website at <u>https://transportation.columbia.edu/</u> and also at <u>https://publicsafety.columbia.edu/safetyescorts</u>. The Columbia Public Safety LionSafe app is available to all Columbia affiliates and it allows the user to request emergency services at the touch of a button. The Friend Walk feature allows you to share your location with a friend.

Columbia Public Safety reminds our community members to be aware of your surroundings when traveling through the park, especially at night. Immediately contact Columbia University Department of Public Safety at 212-854-5555 or 911, if you observe suspicious behavior.

If you have any information about these crimes, contact the 26 Precinct Detective Squad at 212-678-1351 or Columbia University Public Safety Investigations Unit at 212-854-2634.

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