

Clery Crime Alert

Burglaries/Package Theft

Columbia University Public Safety was recently informed of two Burglaries. The first incident occurred on Saturday, March 21st, 2026, at approximately 3:19 p.m., at 535 West 111th Street, and the second incident occurred later that day at approximately 3:55 p.m., at 539 West 112th Street.

All incidents appeared to have been committed by the same individual. A video review shows that the individual gained entry by piggybacking behind tenants and by buzzing multiple apartments until access was granted. Once inside, the individual removed several packages.

The individual is shown in the photo below.



If you have any additional information about these incidents, please contact Public Safety at 212-854-2797.

Harm Reduction Strategies:

- Make sure the door locks behind you every time you enter or exit a building.
- Do not buzz people into a building unless you know who they are and what they are doing.
- Stay informed about delivery statuses and estimated arrival times and try to retrieve your package(s) in a timely manner.
- Sign up for free services such as [FedEx Delivery Manager®](#) and [UPS My Choice®](#) or use an [Amazon Pick Up Location](#), such as a locker or local store. Many online retailers allow you to send directly to a local shipping center or retail store at check out. Nearby shipping stores with secure delivery options include:
 - [FedEx Office Ship Center](#) (116th and Broadway)
 - [UPS Store](#) (115th and Broadway)
 - [UPS Store](#) (42 Tiemann Place - Between Broadway and Claremont Ave)

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