

Clery Crime Alert

Burglaries

Columbia University Public Safety was informed of three burglaries that may have been committed by the same person. The first two burglaries occurred at 549 Riverside Drive: one on Monday, September 22 at around 5:00 p.m. and the other on Saturday, September 27, at around 4:59 p.m. The third burglary occurred on Saturday, September 27, at around 5:00 p.m. at 195 Claremont Avenue which is adjoined to 549 Riverside Drive. On each occasion, the suspect entered the building by piggybacking behind residents.

If you have any additional information about this incident, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 212-854-2797.

Description of Reported Offender:

The suspect was observed on CCTV cameras, as male-presenting, with a dark complexion, and a thin build. On September 22 they wore a gray coat, a black tee shirt with white graphics, a black, gray and white camouflage pair of pants and white sneakers. On September 27 they wore a white tee shirt, gray pants and black sneakers. No other information is available at this time.

Harm Reduction Strategies:

- When safe and if possible, do not allow others to piggyback behind you when you are entering your apartment building. If you do not feel safe stopping a person from piggybacking behind you, you can always call Public Safety (212-854-2797) once you are in a safe location.
- Many mail carriers (UPS, Fed Ex) have offices where you can drop-off and pick-up your packages safely. You can also arrange delivery to partnered local businesses, like pharmacies.
- When possible, arrange for packages to be delivered when you or someone else is available to receive them.
- Make sure the doors lock behind you every time to enter or exit a building.
- Stay informed about delivery statuses and estimated arrival times and try to retrieve your package in a timely manner.



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