

Clery Crime Alert

Burglaries

Columbia University Public Safety was recently informed that on Sunday, November 2, 2025, between 3:43 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. two Burglaries occurred at 195 Claremont Avenue and 549 Riverside Drive.

Both incidents appeared to have been committed by the same suspect, a male-presenting person, with a slim build, dark complexion, gray beard, wearing dark framed glasses, a dark jacket, a black beanie with NY in white lettering, and dark jeans, carrying a Fresh Direct NY Yankees tote bag. They entered 195 Claremont Avenue by piggybacking behind tenants entering the building. Once inside, they were able to access 549 Riverside Drive. The same suspect was involved in the incidents outlined in the Alert sent out on October 22, 2025.

No other information is available currently. If you have any additional information about this incident, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 212-854-2797.

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.
- Do NOT buzz people into your building if you do not know who they are.
- 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.
- 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.



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