

Clery Crime Alert

Burglaries - Package Thefts

Columbia University Public Safety was recently informed that on Thursday, November 6, 2025, between 3:29 p.m. and 3:43 p.m. three burglaries occurred at 540 West 122nd Street, 520 West 122nd Street, and 506 West 122nd Street.

All incidents appeared to have been committed by the same suspect, a male-presenting person, with a slim build, dark complexion, dark mustache and beard, wearing a dark green jacket with a yellow hoodie underneath, and black pants, carrying an Aldi tote bag. They entered 540 West 122nd Street by ringing several apartments and then getting buzzed in by an unknown tenant. The same suspect also entered the 520 and 506 buildings by the same means, removing several packages from the main lobby.

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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