



TIMELY NOTICE

Date Posted: 22 January 2024

Date Occurred: Twice since 13 January 2024

Time Occurred: Between 11pm and 5am

Location Occurred: New Parking Garage, Portland Campus

Description of Incident

Vehicles parked on the ground floor of the New Parking Garage at the Portland Campus are being targeted by thieves. The perpetrators are going through center consoles and glove boxes; the items that are being stolen are small, easy to grab items, such as wallets, charging cords, and car registrations.

The individual Public Safety believes to be responsible for the thefts from the vehicles is an unhoused person that has been seen on camera around the times of the incidents riding a bike.

To prevent thefts, **always lock your vehicle**, secure small items, and avoid leaving anything on display. If possible, lock the glove box in the vehicle as well.

The Department of Public Safety at USM offers the following safety tips:

1. Try always to find a friend to accompany you at night.
2. If being followed go directly to a populated place.
3. Use USM's police escort service if you feel unsafe.
4. **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.** Report any suspicious person or vehicles immediately to the police.
5. Never enter a vehicle with someone you do not know.

Timely Warnings are posted in an effort to make the USM Community aware of any situation that poses a potential threat to the safety and wellbeing of those who live, work, study and visit the campus. By keeping you aware of crimes or safety issues occurring in our community, USM Public Safety hopes to encourage you to become actively involved in crime prevention. Personal safety practices and knowledge are your best defense against crime. This USM Safety Alert is intended to promote safety on campus.

This notice is provided as part of USM's safety awareness and education efforts, and complies with federal legislation known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act of 1998.

Per: Gráinne Perkins, PhD- Chief of Police & Director of Public Safety