



# CRIME ALERT

Centennial Hall- 4400 Massachusetts Ave, NW DC  
Release Date: 07/08/2016

Reference Case Numbers 160517/160518

**Incident:** Two **Burglaries** were reported to have occurred between the hours of 7 AM and 9 PM on Thursday, July 7, 2016. The victims in both cases were current summer affiliates of the University. Both victims reported the theft of property from their adjoining suites. There were no signs of forced entry into the units.

It is believed that entry was made into one suite through the front door and entry into the second suite was made through the shared bathroom. There is no current known description of the suspect(s) in this case.

*If you have information relating to this incident, or witness suspicious activity, please call the Department of Public Safety at **202-885-3636** (on campus) or **911** for the Metropolitan Police Department.*

**Make a Confidential Tip through the Department of Public Safety Webpage at:**  
<http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/tips.cfm>

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### **Safety Tips**

- Be aware of those around you and of your surroundings in general.
- Do not leave your doors unlocked, even for brief periods of time.
- Do not let anyone follow you into your residence halls or office area, nor admit anyone as a guest unless they are your guest.
- If on campus, report lost keys to the Department of Public Safety immediately. If off campus, report lost keys to your building manager immediately.
- Avoid isolated and dark areas.
- Carry your cell phone and keep it accessible.
- If you are approached, take note of the person's appearance, clothing and anything unusual that will help identify the suspect.
- Be aware of the emergency telephones (yellow boxes on pillars, blue light phone towers, and red telephones) located on campus, in building lobbies, elevators and in parking lots.

### **General Tips**

- Program AU Public Safety into your cell phone for emergencies: (202) 885-3636
- The Department of Public Safety provides escorts, twenty-four hours a day/seven days a week, for community members to and front University owned property. To arrange an escort, call (202) 885-2527 or use a blue light or red emergency phone.

*If you would like a copy of this alert, please visit:*  
<http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/crimealerts.cfm>

**Emergency: 202-885-3636**