



# CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## SAFETY ALERT

**On Tuesday, February 23, 2010, an Assault was reported to the Campus Police Department. The victim reported the following:**

At 7:50 p.m. the victim was walking southbound in Lot C-10 when she was approached by a male who called out "hey" and made other noises to get her attention. She ignored the suspect and continued walking when she was grabbed from behind around her upper body. She did not see who grabbed her, but believes it to be the same male who approached her moments earlier. The victim was able to break free and flee. She did not see the suspect or where he fled to.

**The suspect who approached her has been described as a male Hispanic in his late 20's, about 5'9" and 185 pounds with dark colored hair and a thick black moustache. He was wearing a black beanie hat, black hooded sweatshirt, dark sweatpants and white shoes.**

The Cerritos College Campus Police Department urges all members of the campus community to be extra alert and follow some basic safety precautions, including:

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings. Know what is typical and what is not.
- Call 911 from a campus phone or (562) 402-3674 from a cell phone to report suspicious activity.
- Be aware of parking lots, walkways and restrooms.
- Travel with others with whom you are comfortable when possible, or call Campus Police for a Security Escort if needed.
- Let others know where you are going, especially if you might be there alone.
- If you are uncomfortable, go to where there are other people.
- Headphones can eliminate your ability to be aware of your surroundings.
- Move confidently at a steady pace and make eye contact with people.
- Keep keys in hand when moving to a vehicle.
- Keep windows and doors locked.
- Check the interior of a vehicle before getting in.
- Go to the nearest open business or police station if you are being followed.

**Anyone who may have any information regarding this crime or any suspicious activity on campus is urged to contact the Campus Police Department at (562) 924-3618.**