



California State University, Northridge Department of Police Services

CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

The California State University, Northridge Department of Police Services is providing this notice of a criminal incident that occurred in our community in order to provide information that may help in avoiding a similar crime or provide information to solve this crime.

WAL-MART TEXT MESSAGE HOAX

DATE : March 19th, 2009

REPORTED OFFENSE: The Department of Police Services is providing this alert to the public regarding a text message hoax regarding Wal-Mart. Police have received several reports from individuals who were recipients of a poorly written text message warning them to shop at Wal-Mart at their own risk due to a supposed gang initiation.

The text messages are in wide circulation as far east as Miami.

Recipients of the text message are advised to ignore the message and not respond.

Crime Prevention Tip

Program CSUN Police numbers into your phone - Within the CSUN community the University Police can respond to emergencies much faster than other local law enforcement. (818) 677-2111

Report suspicious persons or circumstance anonymously

“We Tip Hotline” – (818) 677-TIPS (8477)

(818) 677-2111 or **9-1-1** for emergencies (from campus phones)

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

911 From a campus phone

677-2111 From a cell phone to reach CSUN Police (non-emergency)

Emergency “BLUE LIGHT” phones and yellow TTY emergency call boxes (connected to CSUN Police)

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