Johns Hopkins Public Safety is issuing this special advisory to ensure that you are aware of four recent carjacking incidents that occurred near the Homewood campus and within our patrol zone, over the last several days. A carjacking is a crime in which the perpetrator takes the victim’s vehicle by force or threat of force. While no individuals affiliated with Johns Hopkins have been directly impacted, the incidents have occurred relatively close to campus and are serious enough in nature that we are drawing your attention to the matter.

The incidents have occurred between 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. at the locations highlighted below. During each of the incidents, a suspect, who was a part of a group of juveniles, has displayed a handgun to a driver and demanded that they turn over their vehicle. During the most recent incident, a victim was struck with a handgun.
The action taken, time of occurrence, and the close proximity of incident locations indicate that all four crimes may have been committed by the same group, and that they may be focused on the area in question. Thankfully no one has been seriously injured.
thus far during any of these incidents. The Baltimore Police Department is leading the investigation into these incidents. You will see an increased police presence in the area in response to these incidents. The Baltimore Police Department, like our public safety team, views this situation very seriously and is working quickly to resolve it.

Here is some helpful information on how to reduce the risk of being a carjacking victim:

**Getting Into Your Vehicle:**

- Walk with purpose and remain alert at all times.
- Trust your instincts - if something makes you feel uneasy, get into the car quickly, lock the doors, and drive away.

**While Driving:**

- Keep your doors locked and windows rolled up at least part-way.
- When coming to a stop, leave enough room to maneuver around other cars, especially if you sense trouble and need to get away.
- Drive in the center lane to make it harder for someone on foot to approach the car, without being seen.
- Travel with someone else whenever possible.

**Parking:**

- Park in well-lighted areas, near sidewalks or other people and vehicles. Avoid parking near dimly lit areas, large vans or trucks, or anything else that limits your visibility.
- Place valuables – even coins or phone chargers – in the trunk or otherwise out of sight.
- When possible, park in parking garages that have attendants.
- Look around before you exit the vehicle and stay alert to the surroundings.

**If You Become A Victim:**

- If the carjacker threatens you, give up your car. Do not argue or attempt to fight.
- If there is a child in the car, tell the carjacker "my child is in the car."
- Get away and to a safe place as quickly as possible.
- Try to remember what the carjacker looked like and the clothes they wore.
- Call 911 immediately.

We also offer [24/7 walking escort services](#) in the campus area by calling 410-516-7777.
The LifeSafe smartphone app is a useful, free tool to connect you with all safety and security resources from JH Public Safety.

Additional information and crime reports from our campuses and the Baltimore Police Department are available on the JH Public Safety crime data map website. The details of the four recent carjacking incidents are below:

1. 8/23 at 8:10 p.m. in the 2700 block of St. Paul Street. A non-JHU-affiliated victim was getting out of their vehicle when they were approached by three male suspects. One of the suspects displayed a handgun and told the victim not to scream. The suspects then took the victim's cell phone, wallet, and the vehicle. The vehicle was last seen heading south on St. Paul Street. The victim was not injured.

2. 8/26 at 2:07 a.m. in the 2800 block of St. Paul Street. A non-affiliated victim had exited their vehicle and was walking on St. Paul Street when they were approached by four male suspects. Two of the suspects displayed dark handguns. One of the suspects told the victim “give me your keys or I will shoot.” The keys were handed over and the suspects then got into the vehicle and drove away. The vehicle was last seen heading south on St. Paul Street. The victim was not injured.

3. 8/27 at 10:30 p.m. in the 2700 block of N. Calvert Street. A non-affiliated victim exited their vehicle, leaving the engine on to make a food delivery, and was walking north on Calvert Street when they were approached by 3 male suspects from behind. Two of the suspects displayed dark handguns and demanded the keys to the vehicle. The suspects then got into the vehicle and drove away. The vehicle was last seen heading north on Calvert Street. The victim was not injured.

4. 8/30 at 12:35 a.m. in the 2900 block of N. Calvert Street. Two non-affiliated victims had exited their vehicle when three suspects approached them. One suspect yelled “hey” and pointed a handgun at the driver’s head and struck him with it. The suspects got into the vehicle and drove away. The vehicle was last seen heading north on Calvert Street. Both victims’ cellphones were inside the vehicle and also taken in this incident. The victims were not injured.

If you are the victim of a crime, even off campus, it is imperative that you report the incident to Johns Hopkins Public Safety so you can be provided the support mechanisms available and our team is able to coordinate with law enforcement on addressing concerns.

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