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Police Asking for Information on Robberies

Durham police investigators are asking for information about two armed robberies that occurred last week on LaSalle Street.

The first robbery happened around 9:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16. A 52-year-old male was walking on LaSalle Street near Campus Walk Avenue when a male came from behind some bushes and robbed the victim of his wallet at gunpoint. The suspect was described as a black male in his teens or early 20s, 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall with a medium build and short hair. He was wearing a black shirt and black pants.

The second robbery occurred around 11:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 18 on LaSalle Street near Brown Avenue. A 24-year-old male was walking on LaSalle Street when a female approached him and asked for a dollar. After the victim said he had no money, a male emerged from some bushes and robbed the victim at gunpoint. The suspect was described as a black male in his late teens or 20s with a medium build and short hair.

Anyone with information is asked to call Investigator Smith at 560-4583, ext. 29366 or CrimeStoppers at 683-1200. CrimeStoppers pays cash rewards for information leading to arrests in felony cases and callers never have to identify themselves.

Crime Prevention Tips

- Be aware of your surroundings. If you see anything suspicious, do not hesitate to call 911.
- Have your keys ready when you approach your apartment or vehicle.
- Do not carry extra cash or valuables.
- Do not walk alone at night. Darkness gives robbers an advantage.
- If someone follows you, do not drive home. Go to a well-lit place and report it.
- Avoid loiterers or people hanging out in groups.
- Walk briskly and with confidence.
- Park in a well-lit area of the apartment complex.
- Do not let strangers inside your apartment. Use your peephole to see who is at the door.

