On Thursday October 24, 2013 at approximately 3:00 p.m. the University of Missouri-St. Louis Police Department was dispatched to parking lot AA located near the Fine Arts building. The victim, an UMSL student, reported she was walking from North Metro Link onto the Great Rivers Greenway Walking and Biking Trail, when she noticed three unknown males about six feet tall wearing dark clothing walking on the trail. She walked onto lot AA by the Fine Arts building at which time she was approached by one of the unknown male subjects. The suspect demanded she give him her phone and ripped it out of her hand causing a slight injury. The suspect fled the area on foot running north onto the bike trail. Based on the nature of events this incident is classified as a robbery.

The suspect is described as male approximately 6’ tall, short hair, goatee facial hair, wearing a black hoodie and dark color pants.

If you have any information relative to this incident, please call the University of Missouri-St. Louis Police Department at 314-516-5155.

The St. Louis region has been experiencing a rash of cell phone thefts for over the past year. This is a reminder to the UMSL community that these incidents are not isolated to our campus. Please help us keep you and our campus safe by being aware of your surroundings when on or off campus. The following are safety tips for cell phones enabled with certain features:

**Precautions**

- Protect phone with a password or PIN. Save phone's serial number. Avoid keeping unnecessary personal information in the phone. Keep aware of your surroundings. Don't leave phone in the open in restaurants or other public places. Don't leave phone visible in unattended vehicle.

**If the phone is stolen**

- Locate it using GPS and notify police of the location – if on campus have someone call campus police 314-516-5155. Lock it remotely. Report the theft immediately to the carrier to avoid paying for the thief's use. Request written confirmation from the carrier that the theft was reported and the device disabled. If unable to lock the missing device, change any passwords it contains for e-mail, banking and social networking accounts.

For more information about cell phone safety contact: Federal Communications Commission