

2 MEN SOUGHT IN ARMED ROBBERY NEAR CCS - COLLEGE OFFERS ON-CAMPUS HOUSING TO STUDENTS AFTER ATTACK

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The College for Creative Studies is offering to move students into campus housing **in** the wake of **two** former students being sexually assaulted early today and forced at gunpoint to withdraw money from an ATM.

The attack on the **two men** happened **in** a building **in** the Peck Park area at East Kirby and Beaubien, according to an e-mail sent to **CCS** students by college president Richard Rogers.

"This is a very disturbing incident," Rogers wrote. "Our first concern, of course, is for the well-being of the victims. The safety of our students, faculty, staff, guests, and the members of our community is of paramount importance. Even with our security procedures and mobile safety patrols, random acts of violence may still occur."

The 24-year-old victim told investigators he and another 21-year-old **CCS** student were approached between 12:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. today. As they arrived at his apartment **in** the 400 block of East Kirby, **two** assailants approached them brandishing a gun, Detroit Police spokeswoman Yvette Walker said. The gunmen also forced the students to drive to an ATM on Mack Avenue during the incident, according to police.

CCS spokesman Marcus Popiolek said 1,272 students are enrolled for Winter semester at the private, four-year art college, which is world-renowned for its automotive design program.

The college will help relocate students who want to move to the Art Centre building or other on-campus housing, he said.

The college also offers 24-hour security escorts for students who call the school's security office at 313-664-7444, he said.

Anyone with information about the assailants is asked to call the Detroit Police sex crimes unit at 313-596-1950.

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