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UCT deeply concerned after student attack

The University of Cape Town is deeply concerned after a student was attacked while walking near the campus in the early hours of Wednesday morning, 28 June 2017.

The student was walking off-campus near Grotto Road around 3am when he was attacked by two unknown men who robbed him off his wallet. He sustained injuries to his face and was taken to hospital. He is expected to be released from hospital on Thursday evening.

UCT condemns the disturbing and violent attack in the strongest terms. It is deeply disturbing that our students and South Africans have to live in a society so deeply impacted by crime. The university will offer support to the student through the various services provided by our Department of Student Affairs.

Charges will be laid at the SAPS, who will investigate this matter. The university's Campus Protection Services will also conduct its own investigation into this case.

UCT has put measures in place to ensure that the campus is as safe as possible and such safety and security measures are continuously reinforced to curb crime incidents. Some of the measures put in place can be seen [here](#).

While UCT is a relatively safe campus with few crime incidents, our students are sometimes attacked on the periphery or in the communities in which they live. It is a damning indictment of the scourge of crime across our country. The university will continue working with the relevant external safety and security stakeholders to strengthen safety around the campus.

We reiterate our call for all members of the campus community to report any crime incidents to CPS on 021 650 2222 so that they can fully investigate and take appropriate action.

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