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Update on Attempted Burglaries in Residence Halls

Dear LC Community,

Last night, an LC Alert was sent to the entire campus. The message was sent after Campus Safety officers were alerted to two individuals in Copeland knocking on doors, testing door knobs, and entering unlocked rooms during a time when many have left campus for the break. Campus Safety observed two individuals in a Copeland room not assigned to them, then Portland Police responded and talked to all present parties. No arrests were made.

Campus Living is working with Campus Safety to ensure that residential spaces are secure. Campus Safety will continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding this incident. At this point, there is no evidence of forced entry into buildings or rooms.

All members of the campus community, particularly those living in the residence halls, are asked to assure that their room doors are locked, to not prop doors open, and to not allow others to “tailgate” into buildings without swiping or tapping in. For those returning to campus in the coming days, if you notice missing items or believe that your room may have been otherwise affected by unauthorized access, contact Campus Safety at 503-768-7855.

While we have a protocol for drafting, approving, and sending LC Alerts, it was not strictly followed in this instance. The result is that this particular alert had incomplete information and contained racially charged descriptors. We want to acknowledge the effects of impact versus intent, in particular the negative impact an alert of this nature can have on our BIPOC community, particularly Black and Brown men. The offices of Campus Safety, Campus Living, Student Rights and Responsibilities, and Equity and Inclusion, will be carefully reviewing this incident, including our protocols for staff training and for drafting, reviewing, and sending LC Alerts. Next week, we plan to meet and check-in with RAs, Campus Safety, the Student Affairs On-Call group, and any employees, students, or student groups that have felt impacted. In addition, Vice President for Student Life Evette Castillo Clark invites anyone in the community wishing to discuss this incident to join her in East Hall on Monday, November 28, from 3 to 4 p.m.

We thank all community members who have reached out to share their thoughts on this incident. We can—and will—do better.

Thank you,

Evette Castillo Clark, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students
Bill Curtis, Interim Director of Campus Safety