UCI Police Department has received a report of a robbery that occurred at approximately 3:00 a.m. on February 4 inside a Palo Verde Housing apartment. The victim reported that five unknown suspects showed up at his apartment after he placed a call to an online escort service. The suspects demanded money, and the victim reported being tased. The victim surrendered his wallet and cell phone. All suspects left on foot in an unknown direction.

The suspects are described as
-- A Hispanic male, 25-30 years old, bald, approximately 6’0” tall, athletic build;
-- A male, 25-30 years old;
-- A Hispanic female, 5’4” tall, medium build, straight long black hair, early 20s.
The fourth and fifth suspects are both described as females in their early 20s.

Similar incidents have occurred at other locations in Orange County when individuals have called an escort service. UCIPD would like to remind individuals to be cautious about admitting strangers into their residence.

In emergency situations or during crimes in progress, dial 9-1-1. Emergency phone locations are marked on the campus map: http://communications.uci.edu//documents/pdf/UCI_14_map_campus.pdf.

UCI Crime Alerts are released by the UCIPD when certain crimes are reported on or near UCI property, in compliance with federal law. These Crime Alerts provide information about campus safety situations, and allow campus community members to take precautions.

If you have information that could be helpful in this investigation, please contact the Police Department at (949) 824-5223.

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