



# CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## **SAFETY ALERT**

### **Brandishing a Knife**

On Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at approximately 6:50 p.m. a male subject was seen brandishing a knife as he rode a bicycle near the Fine Arts Building. The incident occurred on the sidewalk between the Fine Arts Building and the Culinary Arts Trailers. The suspect was observed riding behind a female student holding a black fixed blade knife. As he rode passed the student, the informant observed the suspect make a slashing movement with the knife, riding south bound towards parking lot C-10. The suspect was approximately 5 feet from the student as he rode past her.

**The suspect is described as a possible transient, Male-Caucasian, age 40-50, medium length scruffy beard, wearing a large green military-style jacket. The bicycle he was riding was described as being a dark-color mountain bike.**

**Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact Campus Police immediately by dialing 9-1-1 from any campus phone, or by calling (562) 402-3674 from a cell phone.**

The Cerritos College Police Department reminds all members of the campus community to follow basic safety precautions, including:

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings. Know what is typical and what is not.
- Call 911 from a campus phone or (562) 402-3674 from a cell phone to report suspicious activity.
- Be aware of parking lots, walkways and restrooms.
- Travel with others with whom you are comfortable when possible, or call Campus Police for a Security Escort if needed.
- Let others know where you are going, especially if you might be there alone.
- If you are uncomfortable, go to where there are other people.
- Headphones can eliminate your ability to be aware of your surroundings.
- Move confidently at a steady pace and make eye contact with people.
- Keep keys in hand when moving to a vehicle.
- Keep windows and doors locked.
- Check the interior of a vehicle before getting in.
- Go to the nearest open business or police station if you are being followed.
- Do not confront a fleeing suspect, from a safe distance obtain a good description and direction of travel for the police