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Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 7:37 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: JHU security response after Charles Village robberies

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Dear Homewood Students, Faculty, and Staff:

Since last Sunday, Charles Village has experienced a rash of robberies, most of them armed. In the area immediately east of North Calvert Street, six of our students and four of our neighbors have been robbed. Most of these crimes appear to have been perpetrated by two or three assailants, and they have occurred in both the evening and daytime.

The safety and security of our community is and will remain a constant focus at every level of the university. We are working closely with the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) to protect our community and aid BPD in its effort to stem this surge in robberies.

Specifically, BPD’s Northern District has shifted significant resources to patrol the neighborhood and investigate these crimes. Johns Hopkins Campus Safety and Security (CSS) also has increased the number of CSS patrols and armed, off-duty BPD police officers in the impacted area, working in coordination with BPD to ensure maximum security coverage.

These steps complement the university’s substantial increase in investment in CSS, which has more than doubled in the last four years. In the past eight months alone, CSS has increased its patrol staffing by 20 percent in order to augment a highly visible deterrence to crime in the neighborhoods adjacent to the Homewood campus.

We are very concerned about anyone in our community who is victimized by criminal activity. Homewood Student Affairs has been in touch with the student victims to provide support, including counseling and academic assistance, and is available to help through the post-incident trauma.

For those of you who live in or pass through the neighborhoods where these crimes are occurring, we strongly urge you to take advantage of the university’s security and transportation resources—including the Escort Program and the LiveSafe smartphone app, which puts you quickly in touch with campus security or police in the event of an emergency.

- On the Campus Safety and Security website you will find useful crime prevention tips and specific suggestions for how to protect yourself if you encounter a thief.
- On the JHU Transportation Services website you will find Blue Jay Shuttle routes (available from 5:30 p.m. to 3:45 a.m.) and instructions for downloading the TransLoc
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Rider app, which provides real-time updates on routes and timing, as well as access to Night Ride, an on-demand curb-to-curb service in our area.

We will keep you posted with additional information as needed in the coming weeks. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with us with any questions and/or concerns you may have about campus safety and security.

Sincerely,

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