

On-campus bicycle robber hits Alkek garage

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Texas State University police are on the lookout for a suspect possibly involved in a string of robberies on campus. Texas State sophomore Estella Garza, 21, was crossing through the Alkek Parking Garage on her way back to her dorm, when she says a tall, thin man approached her on his bicycle, grabbed her backpack and sped away.

The altercation left Garza, the suspect's fourth and latest victim, on the ground and confused.

"I didn't even have time to react," says Garza.

All she could make out were the assailant's clothing, with a bandana over his face, a ball cap and a University of Texas T-shirt.

Garza had her phone in her pocket and dialed 911. A witness called 911 as well.

The suspect fled with Garza's textbooks, class notes and wallet, which contained her driver's license and credit cards.

The University Police Department urges students and faculty to be aware of their surroundings, especially when travelling at night. University Police Chief Ralph C. Meyer issued a statement the morning after the incident.

"If you must travel alone, remember that the Bobcat Bobbies service is available for your safety," said Meyer.

They are asking that anyone with information about these robberies or any campus crime call them at 512-245-2890.