



President of University of the West Indies Guild of Students
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Police patrol



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Police officers have been assigned to patrol the compound of the University of the West Indies (UWI) St Augustine campus following reports of a spate of robberies in August.

The vehicle and foot patrols by officers of the Tunapuna Police Station have been an additional security measure implemented at the university recently.

President of University of the West Indies Guild of Students president Jonathon St Louis-Nahous praised and thanked the police intervention.

Following reports that students were held-up by bandits near the tennis court and relieved of valuable, cash and cell phones at nights, St Louis-Nahous said floodlights were installed by the university in areas that were poorly lit, while the university's security officers have stepped up on patrols around the clock.

Students have also been asked to display their identification badges.

Many of the students refused to report the matter to the police and guild, St Louis-Nahous said.

The guild found out about the robberies on social media.

He said there were also rumours of rapes, which the guild could not confirm.

"Recently we have been seeing police officers from the Tunapuna Police Station patrolling the campus. They have been giving the students a sense of security and safety. I have to say I have not really been hearing any reports of robberies since they have come on board," St Louis-Nahous said.

"Everything has been going well. There are no complaints so far."

UWI has a population of 16,000 students the majority of whom commute daily.