

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY – FEBRUARY 5, 2009

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

Public Safety would like to advise the University of St. Thomas community of a series of vehicle break-ins that have occurred in the parking ramp located across from the Minneapolis campus at Harmon Place and 11th Street.

Through reporting, Public Safety has learned of four vehicle break-ins that have occurred in the ramp since 01/20/2009. These particular incidents were reported by UST community members, who were the victims. Three of the incidents occurred between the hours of 4 PM and 10:30 PM. A time of occurrence is not known for the fourth incident. In each incident, a window was smashed and the victim's personal property was stolen. No suspect information is known in any of these incidents.

Anyone with information regarding these crimes is urged to call the Minneapolis Police Department at (612) 673-2941, or Public Safety at (651) 962-5100.

**Report crime confidentially or anonymously:
by e-mailing PSTIPS@stthomas.edu,
or calling 96(2-TIPS).**

Crime prevention tips:

- Do not leave bags and valuables in your car. It takes seconds for someone to smash a window and escape with them.
- If you must leave valued items in your car, do not have them in plain view. Keep in mind, even locking valuables in your trunk does not guarantee their safety.
- Always lock your car.
- Report crimes or suspicious behavior immediately to Public Safety.
- Do not wear earphones when walking alone, especially if it is dark. This potentially cuts off audible signals of threats to your safety. Always monitor your environment.
- Walk in groups – there is safety in numbers. Escorts are available from Public Safety 24/7.
- Don't take unnecessary risks. Stay in populated, well-lit areas.
- Remember suspect information, including direction of travel, vehicle information, approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, clothing, jewelry, scars, tattoos – anything noticeable.

If you have information regarding crimes on campus you are urged to contact
Public Safety at (651) 962-5100 and the police (612) 673-2941

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