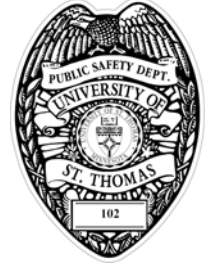


# UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



## **PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – SEPTEMBER 12, 2009**

<b>ALERT:</b> Critical / Major Incident	<b>ADVISORY:</b> Important Incident	<b>BULLETIN:</b> General Information
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Public Safety would like to alert the University of St. Thomas community of three separate reports of strong arm robberies or attempted robberies near Macalester College.

According to information received from the St. Paul Police Department:

*On September 11, 2009, between 8:00 PM and 10:00 PM, police responded to three separate reports of strong arm robberies or attempted robberies in which victims were assaulted in the area of Grand and Snelling Avenues, near Macalester College.*

*In each of the reports, victims were approached by one or more teen males who tried to take or asked to use items belonging to the victims. During the course of the robberies the victims were punched and knocked to the ground. One victim was briefly unconscious and lost at least one tooth after being punched.*

*The suspects were described as 5 black males, ages 13 – 17, all riding bicycles. Two of the five teens were regarded as being the primary aggressors, but the others joined in on the assaults.*

*Note: The Saint Paul Police Department believes that descriptors alone are not a valid reason to profile or cast suspicion on any individual. They are included here because they may reasonably assist in identifying the perpetrators of this incident.*

*Anyone with information about who may be responsible for these attacks is asked to call the Saint Paul Police Department at 651-291-1111.*

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Anyone with information regarding these crimes is urged to call the St. Paul Police Department at (651) 291-1111, or Public Safety at (651) 962-5100.

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

Crime prevention tips:

- Call Public Safety to escort you to your destination.
- Report crimes immediately to Public Safety and the St. Paul Police Department.
- Do not wear earphones when walking or running alone outside, especially if it is dark. This potentially cuts off audible signals of threats to your safety.
- Walk in groups, don't take unnecessary risks, and 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.