

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



SECURITY ADVISORY – OCTOBER 11, 2002

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

The Department of Public Safety would like to inform the UST community of an increase in thefts from motor vehicles on and near university property. Since the beginning of the school year, approximately 10 vehicles were involved in thefts from motor vehicles and criminal damage to property reports.

Suspects caused extensive damage to all vehicles by smashing vehicle side windows or physically removing door handles. Once inside the vehicle, criminals stole stereo equipment and personal property. In nearly all incidents, Compact Discs (CD's) were stolen and quickly sold for cash.

The above noted incidents are aimed at gathering as much stolen property as possible before fleeing from the area on foot, bicycle or an awaiting motor vehicle. The University of St. Thomas community periodically experiences these break-ins, and requests assistance with solving and preventing these crimes.

The following tips will assist you in protecting yourself from becoming the victim of these crimes.

- Always lock your doors
- Keep windows closed and rolled up tight
- Never leave personal property in plain view in your vehicle
- Never leave valuables anywhere in your vehicle, including your trunk
- Clearly label CD's with an identifying mark to aid investigators in the recovery of property
- Always report suspicious activity to Public Safety and the police:

Public Safety *Emergency Line* - (651) 962-5555, or 5555 from any campus phone

Public Safety – (651) 962-5100

Police *Emergency Line* – 911

St. Paul Police Department (non-emergency) - (651)-291-1111

Minneapolis Police Department (non-emergency) - (612) 348-2345

Immediately call the Department of Public Safety at (96)2-5555 if you see suspicious people loitering or lurking on and around campus. **Please note the physical description of the suspect(s), the last known location and direction of travel, and a vehicle license plate number.** The earlier Public Safety is notified of suspicious activity, the better chance of apprehension.

Public Safety urges you to be pro-active and alert. You can help prevent crime!

If you have information regarding crimes on campus you are urged to contact
Public Safety at (651) 962-5100 and the police (651) 291-1111

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