

**UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
***SECURITY BULLETIN – JULY 30, 2002***



**ALERT:**  
Critical / Major Incident

**ADVISORY:**  
Important Incident

**BULLETIN:**  
General Information

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The Department of Public Safety would like to share information with the University of St. Thomas community about identity theft. The following is from the Minneapolis Police Department:

“Mark Nunemacher, MN, Rochester Police, has reported that they have had victims of identity theft. Mark believes there is a group of three individuals traveling through the Midwest region (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota and North Dakota) where the group is works as a team to pick pocket victims.

The group then uses the information from the pick-pocketed victims to make state identification cards and then proceeds to local bank/credit unions to take cash advances from the victim’s third party credit cards. The cash advances are typically over \$1000, but we do not know how many transactions may have been involved and dollar levels involved at this point.

The group work as a team to distract a victim in order to "lift" their wallets or items out of a purse. They are extremely good at this and the identification cards are being accepted by tellers as valid. One of the suspect carries a "large road map" to take the hand-offs of the pickpocket items.

This group has done the pick pocketing in elevators and medical centers.

One of the unidentified suspects photo is attached for your review.

If you have information please contact Mark at: [mnunemacher@ci.rochester.mn.us](mailto:mnunemacher@ci.rochester.mn.us)”

Please contact Public Safety at (96)2-5100 if you would like additional campus crime prevention information.

**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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