

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY – JANUARY 15, 2003

ALERT:
Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:
Important Incident

BULLETIN:
General Information

The following information was provided to the Department of Public Safety by the Minneapolis Police Department. Public Safety would like to share this information with the University of St. Thomas community because of the seriousness of the crime. The Minneapolis Police Department stressed that they have no other instances of this type of attack within the city. This crime is unique to the downtown area and doesn't follow any pattern so far.

NEWS RELEASE

January 14, 2003

Cyndi Barrington (612) 673-2995

POLICE RELEASE COMPOSITE OF RAPE SUSPECT

Downtown Assault

On January 10, 2003 a female was abducted in her vehicle from the central downtown business district. The victim had just gotten inside her vehicle when the suspect came up to the car door and assaulted her. He then pushed the victim to the passenger side and got in the driver's seat.

The suspect then held the victim, drove to another location, parked the vehicle and molested the victim. He then pushed her out of the vehicle and drove away. The vehicle was recovered on Monday near the intersection of 19th Street East and Chicago Avenue South.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 25-30 years old, medium build and about 6 feet tall. He has dark hair, no facial hair and has a dark complexion. He was also wearing a dark jacket and brown knit cap at the time of the assault.

Attached is a composite of the suspect. Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect is asked to call **Sgt. Halvorson at 612-673-3653**.

Personal Safety Tips:

- Know your surroundings and don't take unnecessary risks
- Plan your route and avoid short cuts and unlit areas.
- Do not overburden yourself with packages and/or a bulky purse.
- Walk near the curb and away from alleys and doorways.
- If you suspect you are being followed, cross the street. Go to the nearest home, service station, or open business and call the police.
- Always lock your car when entering and leaving it.
- View interior of vehicle before entering to assure no one is hiding inside, even if the doors were locked.
- Have your keys in your hand so you do not have to linger before entering your car.
- If you have car trouble in a dark area, lock yourself in, and wait for the police to arrive. If a stranger offers to help, do not get out of your car. Ask the person to call for assistance.
- If you suspect that someone is following you, drive to the nearest service station, drive-in-restaurant, or police station, and blow the horn.



If you have information regarding crimes on campus you are urged to contact Public Safety at (651) 962-5100 and the police (911)

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