

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – MARCH 13, 2003

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

The Department of Public Safety has recently noticed an increase in theft of financial transaction cards, cash and personal property from members of the UST community.

On Tuesday, February 25th, 2003, a UST employee reported the theft of her purse from her office in Loras Hall. The employee reported leaving her office unlocked and unattended for a short period of time. Financial transaction cards and cash were inside the victim's purse.

On Friday, March 7th, 2003, two wallets were stolen from an unlocked office area in Loras Hall. Financial transaction cards, cash and checks were taken from the area.

After each theft, and within a very short period of time, at least three suspects began using the Financial transaction cards in nearby locations. Over \$1,600 was charged during subsequent fraudulent activity.

A 1997 Silver Dodge Intrepid, Minnesota license plate CKU 769, was used during these crimes.

The three suspects appear below:



Suspect #1



Suspect #2



Suspects #1 and #3

Office and thefts could have been prevented by following the recommendations below.

Did you know:

- It takes eight seconds for a thief to enter your room or office and leave with your valuables.
- More than 90 percent of room and office thefts involve occupants who were "just gone for a few moments."

Recommendations:

- Be alert to any people in the building or resident halls who appear suspicious. You know the areas that you live and work best. If in doubt, notify Public Safety.
- Lock your room door, office door and desk drawers when you leave, even if only for a few minutes.
- Do not leave your purses, laptops, wallets, cash or other valuables in plain sight or unattended in offices or the libraries for even a short period of time.
- Remember suspect information, including approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, clothing, jewelry, scars, tattoos - anything noticeable.

Public Safety urges you to be proactive 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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