

# UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



## ***PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY – MAY 8, 2003***

**ALERT:**  
Critical / Major Incident

**ADVISORY:**  
Important Incident

**BULLETIN:**  
General Information

Minneapolis Community and Technical College has posted the following Public Safety Alert to their community and is asking the University of St. Thomas community for assistance with identifying the following suspect.

On 04/17/03, at 3:30 PM, the Public Safety Department received a report of an assault on campus. As reported by the victim, at approximately 18:30 hours on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003 she was in the lobby of Wheelock Whitney Hall sitting on a sofa. A white male approached her and asked her for directions to the Fine Arts Building. The victim gave the suspect directions via a route through the front of C-Building. The suspect stated he thought he knew another way through the back of the building and asked the victim to show him if his way was a short cut. The victim went with the suspect to the back of C-Building and into the stairway (by the loading dock) where they went up one flight of stairs to the landing. The suspect then trapped the victim on the landing and grabbed her breasts from the outside of her clothing. The victim told the suspect to stop. The suspect then grabbed the victim underneath her blouse. The victim screamed and the suspect put his hand over her mouth. The incident was then interrupted by an unknown man who opened a stairwell door above and came down the stairs. The man did not know it was an attack and walked by the victim and suspect. The victim was able to release herself from her blocked position and followed the man downstairs and left property. The suspect is described as:

**Race:** White  
**Sex:** Male  
**Height:** 6'0"  
**Weight:** 200 pounds  
**Hair:** Short white/blond  
**Facial Hair:** Stubble beard/blond



Public Safety is requesting information from the campus community and from the unknown male who interrupted the incident. The following are crime prevention tips that may prevent you from being a victim of this crime:

- Avoid isolated areas
- If a situation feels uncomfortable trust your instincts and remove yourself from the perceived threat.
- Report suspicious activity immediately to Public Safety
- Report crimes immediately to Public Safety and Police

**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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