

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – SEPTEMBER 12, 2003

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

On 09/11/2003, at approximately 7:01 PM, an aggravated assault occurred near the intersection of Cleveland and Jefferson Avenues. The following information is from the St. Paul Police Department:

At approximately 6:40 PM, a female UST student walking southbound on Cleveland Avenue near *Play it Again Sports*, just south of Grand Avenue, was approached by a young Hispanic male riding what was described as a BMX bike. The male subject began talking with the student as she continued to walk southbound.

Near the intersection of Cleveland and Jefferson Avenues, the male suspect displayed what appeared to be a kitchen knife and held it to the student's stomach. The student screamed and the suspect fled westbound on Jefferson Avenue.

The police believe the suspect's intent may have been to perpetrate a sexual assault.

The suspect was described as a light-skinned Hispanic male, between 15 and 20 years old, short-cut black hair with a slight mustache, and a thin build. The suspect wore a blue polo shirt with horizontal stripes, possibly yellow in color.

Crime prevention tips:

- Utilize the Public Safety Escort Service to accompany you to your destination.
- Walk with groups of people - there is safety in numbers.
- Don't take unnecessary risks. Stay in populated, well-lit areas.
- Report crime immediately to Public Safety and the Police.
- Remember suspect information, including approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, clothing, jewelry, scars, tattoos - anything noticeable.

Anyone that has additional information regarding this crime or the suspect noted above is advised to call the St. Paul Police Department (651) 292-3612, or the Department of Public Safety at 96(2)-5100.

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

Removal Date: 09/26/2003