

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – OCTOBER 8, 2003

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

On 10/04/2003, two female UST students provided the Department of Public Safety with independent reports of sexual assault. The delay in this information being shared is due to an effort by Public Safety to fairly investigate one suspect who was subsequently arrested for one of these crimes and eliminated as a suspect from the other.

On 10/04/2003, between 12:00 and 1:00 a.m., a female student was reportedly lured to a nearby apartment building by a male UST student. The female student, who believed she was going to watch movies with the male student and his roommates, reported that she was then shoved and forcibly fondled. Force was then used to partially undress and fondle the victim's genital area. At approximately 10:55 p.m., Public Safety officers assisted the St. Paul Police Department with the arrest of the suspect in this incident.

On 10/04/2003, at approximately 3:00 a.m., a female student left Dowling Residence Hall to meet a male resident student in the upper quad. After a brief exchange of personal property, the female student began walking towards Dowling when an unknown and unidentified male approached her, blocked her path and grabbed her breast. The female student knocked the suspect's hand away and ran inside Dowling.

The suspect in this incident was described as a White male, approximately 5' 6" to 5' 8" tall with a husky or broad build, wearing a black ball cap and a black hooded nylon windbreaker. The suspect appeared to be clean shaven and did not have any hair visible from underneath his cap.

Anyone with information regarding these crimes or the suspect described above is urged to call the Department of Public Safety at 96(2)-5100, or the St. Paul Police Department at (651) 292-3612.

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 crimes immediately to Public Safety and the Police.
- Remember suspect information, including approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, 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

Removal Date: 10/22/2003