

# UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



## ***PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – FEBRUARY 11, 2004***

### **ALERT:**

Critical / Major Incident

### **ADVISORY:**

Important Incident

### **BULLETIN:**

General Information

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The Department of Public Safety has recently noticed an increase in theft of university and student owned property and would like to alert the UST community.

Last week, Public Safety received 6 reports involving the theft of university computer and audio visual equipment, 2 students' book bags, a student's musical instrument, and cash from a purse turned in as found property.

The St. Thomas community periodically experiences thefts on campus. Public Safety is actively investigating these crimes, and is urging anyone with information to contact Public Safety at (96)2-5100.

### **The most effective crime prevention deterrent is you:**

Immediately call the Department of Public Safety at (96)2-5555 if you see suspicious people loitering or lurking on and around campus. **Please note the physical description of the suspect(s), the last known location and direction of travel, and a vehicle license plate number.** Remember suspect information, including approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, clothing, jewelry, scars, tattoos - anything noticeable.

### **Recommendations:**

- Immediately report suspected criminal behavior to Public Safety and the Police.
- Be alert to people in buildings or residence halls who appear suspicious. You know the areas in which you live and work better than anyone does. 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. If you are concerned, bring valuables with you when you leave!
- Do not leave your portable computers, book bags, purses, wallets, cash or other valuables in plain sight or unattended in offices, public spaces or the libraries for even a short period of time.
- Clearly label property with an identifying mark to aid investigators in the recovery of property.
- Don't carry your social security card or birth certificate copy in your wallet or purse.

### **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."
- It is not uncommon for those who have committed crimes in a specific area to try and commit crimes in the same area again.

**Public Safety Emergency Line  
(651) 962-5555**

**or 5555 from any campus phone**

Public Safety (non-emergency) - (651) 962-5100

**Police Emergency Line – 911**

St. Paul Police Department (non-emergency) - (651)-291-1111

Minneapolis Police Department (non-emergency) - (612) 348-2345

**Public Safety urges you to be proactive and alert. You can help prevent crime!**

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