

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

Public Safety and Parking Services would like to advise the UST community of several burglaries that have recently occurred off campus.

While investigating a September 4, 2004 burglary report on the 2100 block of Marshall Avenue, Public Safety learned through partnership and cooperation with the St. Paul Police Department of as many as six additional burglaries that have occurred between August 6, 2004 and September 8, 2004.

In each crime, a suspect gained access into dwellings by cutting or removing window screens and crawling through unlocked or opened windows. A chair was often found under these windows. Personal property items like wallets, keys, cell phones, and DVDs were taken. Some victims have reported receiving disturbing or harassing phone calls from a male believed to be the suspect responsible for these burglaries. Residents were home and often sleeping at the time of each incident. These burglaries also appear similar to burglaries reported between October, 2003 and January, 2004.

The suspect has been described as a lighter-skinned mixed-race male, possibly African American and Vietnamese, approximately 5'9" tall with a thin build, short straight black hair with a scar on the right side of his forehead, a large, long nose and ears that protrude outward from his head, and he is often described as wearing a dark stocking or baseball cap and dark clothing.

Public Safety and the St. Paul Police Department are investigating these burglaries. If you have any information about these crimes, you are urged to call the St. Paul Police at (651) 291-1111 or Public Safety at (651) 962-510.

The following are safety recommendations:

- Always lock your doors and draw your shades at night
- Leave exterior and interior lights on
- Use only high-quality dead-bolt locks
- Ensure that windows and screens are securely locked
- Keep in touch with your neighbors and be watchful for suspicious activity in your area
- If you suspect your home has been broken into or somebody is inside, immediately dial 9-1-1 and stay on the line until the call-taker tells you it is alright to hang up.

The University of St. Thomas has resources available on campus to assist off campus students with landlord/tenant issues. In relation to this alert, if there are security or safety issues with the off campus house you live-in, the university can act as a helpful resource. Please contact Public Safety at (96)2-5100 or the Neighborhood Liaison office at (96)2-6123 for additional information.

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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