

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – NOVEMBER 8, 2004

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

Public Safety and Parking Services would like to alert the University of St. Thomas community of a robbery that occurred off campus.

On November 6, 2004 at approximately 11:00 p.m. a St. Thomas student reported that while walking near the intersection of Wilder Street and Marshall Avenue, he was approached by two black males who asked him for marijuana. After informing the males that he did not have any, one of the males produced a silver handgun with a black handle and forced the student into a nearby alley. The suspects took some of the student's belongings.

The suspect not holding the gun then fled on foot in an unknown direction. A vehicle driven by a third suspect then pulled up, and the student was forced into the vehicle. The student was driven to a gas station and ordered to withdraw money from a cash machine. After the student gave him cash, the suspect exited the gas station and left the student there. The student then notified Public Safety and the St. Paul Police Department.

The suspects are all described as thin, dark-skinned black males, 20 to 25 years old, all wearing pants and long-sleeve shirts. One of the suspects had a goatee. No further suspect descriptions were obtained. The suspect vehicle was described a late 80's model, red or maroon, boxy-shaped car, possibly an Oldsmobile.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is urged to call the Department of Public Safety at (651) 962-5100, or the St. Paul Police Department at (651) 291-1111.

Crime prevention tips:

- Use 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, clothing, jewelry, scars, tattoos – anything noticeable.
- Use a buddy system with your trusted friends to watch out for one another.

Public Safety urges you to be pro-active and alert. You can help prevent crime!

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