

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – FEBRUARY 15, 2005

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

The Department of Public Safety would like to alert the UST community of an increase in thefts from motor vehicles on and near university property.

In at least three incidents, believed to have occurred between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. on Monday, February 14th, suspects caused extensive damage to multiple vehicles by smashing side windows. Once inside the vehicles, criminals stole stereo equipment and personal property.

During a previous incident on February 8th, Public Safety officers apprehended a juvenile male who ran from the area of a vehicle with a window smashed out. A second suspect fled the area.

The University of St. Thomas community periodically experiences these break-ins, and Public Safety requests assistance with solving and preventing these crimes.

The following tips will assist you in protecting yourself from becoming the victim of these crimes.

- Always lock your doors
- Keep windows closed and rolled up tight
- Never leave personal property in plain view in your vehicle
- Never leave valuables anywhere in your vehicle, including your trunk
- Clearly label CD's with an identifying mark to aid investigators in the recovery of property
- Always report suspicious activity to Public Safety and the police:

Public Safety Emergency Line - (651) 962-5555, or 5555 from any campus phone
Public Safety – (651) 962-5100

Police Emergency Line – 911

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

Minneapolis Police Department (non-emergency) - (612) 673-2345

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.** The earlier Public Safety is notified of suspicious activity, the better chance of apprehension.

Public Safety urges you to be pro-active 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