

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 has recently noticed an increase in theft of financial transaction cards, cash and personal property from members of the UST community.

On Saturday, February 12th, 2005, a UST student reported the theft of credit cards from her room in Morrison Hall. The student's room had been left unlocked. Credit cards belonging to the student were used shortly after at several locations.

On Monday, February 14th, 2005, a UST student reported the theft of her purse from a classroom in O'Shaughnessy Science Hall. A credit card and cash were inside the purse, which was taken when the student left it unattended in the room.

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."

Recommendations:

- Be alert to any people in the building or resident halls who appear suspicious. You know the areas that you live and work best. 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.
- Do not leave your purses, laptops, wallets, cash or other valuables in plain sight or unattended in offices or the libraries for even a short period of time.
- Remember suspect information, including approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, clothing, 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

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