

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY – APRIL 13, 2005

ALERT:
Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:
Important Incident

BULLETIN:
General Information

Public Safety and Parking Services would like to inform the University of St. Thomas community of an apparent telephone scam.

On Tuesday, April 12th, resident students of Brady Residence Hall and Dowling Residence Hall reported receiving phone calls from an unknown woman. The woman knew the students' name, on-campus phone number, UST mail number and date of birth.

The woman claimed to have a package for each student that would only be delivered if the student gave his or her social security number. The woman claimed to need a social security number for security purposes.

The caller is believed to be a woman with a foreign accent that is difficult to understand at times. The caller claimed to have been calling from VISA.

Anyone with further information about these calls or the suspect is urged to call the Department of Public Safety at (651) 962-5100.

Identity theft prevention tips:

- Don't have your driver's license number or social security number printed on your checks.
- Don't carry your social security card or birth certificate in your wallet or purse.
- Never give your social security number, credit card number or bank account information to anyone calling you.
- Review monthly bills carefully for unexplained charges.
- Shred all credit card offers mailed to you.
- Shred all documents with account numbers before disposing of them.
- Order only from secure, reputable Internet sites.

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

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