

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – SEPTEMBER 9, 2005

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 and a separate assault that occurred off campus.

At approximately 1 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, two St. Thomas students reported that while walking north near the intersection of Cleveland and St. Clair avenues, they were approached by a white male holding a gun who demanded their purse, wallet and cell phone. The students gave up their belongings. Both parties turned and walked away in opposite directions. The students then reported the incident to the St. Paul Police Department.

The suspect is described as an 18- to 20-year-old white male, medium height and build, wearing a hat, navy/black-hooded sweatshirt, and baggy jeans.

Public Safety recently has been made aware of a separate incident that occurred at approximately 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27. A UST-affiliated individual reported that he was assaulted by 3 black males while walking on Grand Avenue outside of Davanni's. The individual was able to fight back and the suspects fled.

The individual was able to describe one of his attackers as a 20- to 25-year-old black male, approximately 6' tall, with average build, short hair on the sides, and longer on top.

Anyone with information regarding either 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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