

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN – SEPTEMBER 29, 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.

During the month of September, Public Safety received several complaints from resident students of Dowling Residence Hall, Murray Residence Hall, and Morrison Hall, who reported receiving phone calls from unknown callers. The callers contacted the students offering credit cards in exchange for their social security number and other personal information.

The callers have been identified as both male and female with a foreign accent that is difficult to understand at times. The callers claimed to have been calling from VISA.

Anyone with further information about these calls or the suspects 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.
- Tear up or shred all credit card offers mailed to you.
- Tear up or 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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