

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – NOVEMBER 17, 2005

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

The Department of Public Safety and Parking Services would like to alert the University of St. Thomas community of a recent burglary from a residence hall.

On 11/16/2005, at 3:08 PM, two UST students reported an unforced burglary from their room in Ireland Residence Hall. The students reported that a laptop computer and wallet, containing cash and a debit card, were stolen from their unlocked room between 12:15 PM and 02:30 PM. The student who owned the wallet reported that his debit card was later used to make fraudulent purchases at retail outlets in Minneapolis and Edina.

Public Safety and the St. Paul Police Department are actively investigating this crime. If you have any information about this crime, you are urged to call the St. Paul Police Department at 291-1111, or the St. Thomas Public Safety investigator, Mike Barrett, at 962-5106.

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:

- Always lock your doors.
- 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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