

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – MAY 1, 2007

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

Public Safety would like to advise the University of St. Thomas community of a series of burglaries that occurred in residence halls.

On Monday, April 30th, between 5:39 PM and 5:53 PM, two unidentified suspects entered Selby Residence Hall and Dowling Residence Hall, burglarizing four separate rooms. The suspects were able to enter SRH by following a resident into the building. They were able to access upper floors after a student swiped their card on the elevator.

The suspects then unlawfully entered a female resident's room, and took her ID. The suspects used the ID to access DOW. After accessing DOW, they burglarized three more rooms. The suspects took wallets from each of the rooms. They then used credit cards from each wallet to make fraudulent purchases at area retail stores.

In all four incidents, each of the rooms were unsecured. In two of the incidents, victims actually found the suspects in their rooms, and the suspects simply told them, "I'm sorry. I'm in the wrong room."

The first suspect is described as a black female, short, stocky build, with long black hair in back, short/spikey hair on top, wearing a white t-shirt, shoulder bag, and gray/green capri cargo pants. The second suspect is described as a black female, tall, thin, long black hair, white t-shirt, dark hooded jacket, and plaid pajama bottoms.

Report crime confidentially or anonymously by e-mailing PSTIPS@stthomas.edu, or calling 96(2-TIPS).

UST crime prevention tips:

- Lock your officer or residence hall room door, even if you are home.
- It takes eight seconds for a thief to enter a 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."
- Be alert to any people in buildings or residence halls who appear suspicious. You know the areas that you live and work in best. If in doubt, notify Public Safety.
- Do not leave your purses, laptops, wallets, cash or other valuables unsecured in plain sight or unattended in public areas 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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