

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY – SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

Public Safety would like to inform the University of St. Thomas community of the following Safety Alert received from Hamline University Safety and Security.

HAMLIN SAFETY ALERT

On 09/08/2007 at approximately 11:30 pm, Three Hamline female students were walking east on Taylor Avenue approaching Albert Street when two males came up behind them and said, "Habla Espanol." The first suspect, a Hispanic male, then pointed a silver and white handgun at one of the victims and said, "Give me your purse." The second suspect, a black male, said the same to a second victim. When the third student attempted to use her phone to call police, one of the suspects took it away from her. The suspects fled west on Taylor Avenue. The students immediately called the Saint Paul Police Department, and a report was made. This incident is now under investigation by SPPD.

SUSPECT DESCRIPTIONS:

Suspect #1 is a Hispanic male, early 20's, 5'10" - 5'11", heavy build, approximately 275 – 300 lbs, with a goatee. He was wearing a white hooded, zip-up sweatshirt with the hood up. On the left breast or shoulder of the sweatshirt was an "R". He was wearing Roca wear brand blue jeans and white tennis shoes. The hair visible under the hood was black and appeared to be cut short.

Suspect #2 is a black male, early 20's, 5'7" to 5'8", average build, approximately 150 lbs, goatee, black hair in cornrows, with a missing or chipped front tooth. He was wearing a black, hooded sweatshirt with a gold zipper and gold design diamond pattern throughout. On the left shoulder of the sweatshirt there is a red and green emblem. He was wearing dark colored denim jeans and white tennis shoes.

UST Public Safety crime prevention tips:

- Do not wear earphones when walking or running alone outside, especially if it is dark. This potentially cuts off audible signals of threats to your safety.
- Call Public Safety to escort you to your destination.
- Walk in groups – 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!

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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