

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN – SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

Public Safety would like to advise the University of St. Thomas community of an a theft that occurred in the Owens Science Hall.

On 09/10/2007 at 2:37 PM, a UST employee reported an unidentified suspect attempting to steal her wallet from her first floor office in OWS. The employee reported a few minutes prior to contacting Public Safety that she was in a room adjoining her office sorting through mail. When she returned to her office, she found the suspect sitting at her desk and going through her purse.

The suspect got out of the chair and told the employee he had not taken anything. The employee realized the suspect had taken her wallet and she demanded its return. The suspect returned the wallet then walked towards the northwest entrance of OWS and fled the area on foot.

Upon report of the incident, Public Safety officers began a search of the area for the suspect. The suspect was not located.

The suspect was described as a black male with light – medium skin tone, approximately 35 – 40 years of age, approximately 5' 8" tall, thin build, close cut hair, wearing a tan loose-fitting button shirt with collar, jeans, and a laptop style shoulder bag.

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

UST crime prevention tips:

- Report crimes immediately to Public Safety and the police.
- 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.
- Lock your office or residence hall room door. 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."
- Remember suspect information, including approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, clothing, jewelry, scars, tattoos - anything noticeable.
- Notify Public Safety immediately of people in buildings, residence halls, or on campus who appear suspicious. You know the areas that you live and work in best.
- If you find an individual's behavior to be suspicious, alarming, or frightening, do not approach the individual or engage them verbally. Maintain a safe distance, note details of description, direction of travel, and contact Public Safety immediately.

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

Removal Date: 09/25/2007