

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

Public Safety would like to alert the University of St. Thomas community of an assault and robbery involving a UST community member.

On 09/10/2007 at approximately 09:50 PM, a St. Thomas student reported that she and two other UST students were waiting for a Metro Transit bus at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Oxford Street. While waiting for the bus, they were approached by two male suspects. One of the suspects asked the student for a lighter. The student said the suspect was behaving as if he was intoxicated.

The suspect with the lighter then approached the student and struck her in the ear, knocking her to the ground. The suspect then grabbed the student's purse, and both suspects fled the area on foot. The St. Paul Police Department was contacted immediately. SPPD officers searched the area but were not able to locate the suspects. The student received an injury to her ear and was taken to an area hospital for further medical attention.

The first suspect was described as a black male, approximately 6' 2", approximately 180 pounds, wearing a red shirt, baggy jeans, and white shoes. The second suspect was described as a black male approximately 5' 10", wearing a green and white hooded jacket or sweatshirt.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is urged to call the St. Paul Police Department at (651) 291-1111, or Public Safety at (651) 962-5100.

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

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

Removal Date: 09/25/2007