

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – OCTOBER 18, 2007

ALERT:
Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:
Important Incident

BULLETIN:
General Information

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

On 10/18/2007 at approximately 12:05 AM, a UST student reported he was walking southbound on Prior Avenue, near the intersection of Prior Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, when an unidentified male standing on the other side of the street asked the student for a cigarette. The student responded that he did not smoke and continued walking southbound on Prior Avenue.

As the student approached the intersection of Prior Avenue and Goodrich Avenue, the student heard the suspect running up behind him. The student turned and saw the suspect approaching him with a handgun drawn. The suspect threatened the student with the gun and demanded his money. The student handed his money over to the suspect. The suspect then told the student to turn and leave the area. The student went home and contacted the St. Paul Police Department immediately. SPPD officers searched the area, but were not able to locate the suspects.

The suspect was described as a black male, approximately 6' 5" tall, slim build, mid-twenties, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, and a white t-shirt. A second suspect, who was with the first suspect but not directly involved in the incident, was described as a black male, approximately 5' 10", medium build, mid-twenties, wearing red and black pants.

The University of St. Thomas believes that descriptors alone are not a valid reason to profile or cast suspicion on any individual. They are included here because they may reasonably assist in identifying the perpetrators of this incident.

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

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