

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – OCTOBER 24, 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 off campus burglary involving UST community members.

On 10/24/2007 at approximately 6:00 AM, a UST student reported she found a strange male hiding in her bedroom closet at her residence on the 100 block of Cretin Avenue. The suspect told the student he was in the wrong house, and immediately fled the scene. The St. Paul Police Department was contacted immediately. SPPD officers searched the area, but were not able to locate the suspect. SPPD officers believed the suspect likely entered the house through an unsecured rear door, and hid in the closet as a result of waking other occupants in the house.

The suspect was described as a white male, approximately 6' tall, approximately 160 lbs, with a beard, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, and blue jeans.

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.

As additional information, several UST neighbors recently advised the UST Neighbor Liaison of several burglaries that had occurred in the area around campus. Follow-up with the St. Paul Police Department revealed 6 burglaries have been reported since 09/04/2007. These incidents occurred in the neighborhood area east of campus to Prior Avenue, between Selby Avenue and Portland Avenue. It is not known if any of the victims in these other incidents were UST students.

Anyone with information regarding these crimes 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:

- Keep all doors and windows locked, even when you are home.
- Report any damaged or malfunctioning locks, doors, or windows immediately to your landlord for repair.
- Do not open doors for strangers.
- If you see suspicious persons at your door or on your property, contact the police immediately.
- Report crimes immediately to the police and Public Safety.
- Remember suspect information, including approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, clothing, jewelry, scars, tattoos – anything noticeable.

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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