

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – OCTOBER 26, 2007

ALERT:
Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:
Important Incident

BULLETIN:
General Information

Public Safety would like to alert the University of St. Thomas community of two off campus attempted robberies involving UST community members.

On 10/25/2007 at approximately 09:20 PM, two UST students reported that while walking near the intersection of Prior and Marshall Avenues, two suspicious males began chasing them and attempted to rob them.

According to the students, they saw the suspects on the opposite side of the street. One of the suspects shouted that one of the students looked like someone who had assaulted the suspect's brother. The first suspect then claimed the second suspect had a firearm and threatened to use it. The students ran to their nearby apartment while the suspects gave chase. The students were able to reach the building safely, but reported the suspects attempted to force their way into the building. The students were able to secure the building entrance and contacted the St. Paul Police Department immediately.

The first suspect was described as a black male in his early 20's, 5' 9" – 6' tall, approximately 150 lbs, short afro-style hair, wearing a plain red sweater and baggy black jeans. The second suspect was described as a black male in his early 20's, approximately 5' 7" tall, approximately 130 lbs, with afro-style hair approximately 1 inch in length, wearing a plain black sweater and baggy blue jeans.

On 10/23/2007 at approximately 01:30 AM, a UST student reported he was walking near the intersection of Marshall and Cleveland Avenues when he saw two suspicious males standing on the opposite side of the street. The student was wearing headphones and reported that the men waved at him and said something, but he did not hear them and continued walking.

When the student realized the suspects were following him, he began running. The student crossed Marshall Avenue and saw the suspects stopped chasing him and fled the area. The first suspect was described as a black male, approximately 5' 5" tall, with a slim build, wearing a large black jacket and a hat. The second suspect was described as black male. The student was not able to provide further suspect information.

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.

**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.

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: 11/09/2007