

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 an off campus robbery involving UST community members.

On 10/26/2007 at approximately 01:15 AM, two UST students reported while retrieving property from a vehicle parked near the intersection of Dayton Avenue and North Finn Street, they were robbed at gun point and the vehicle was stolen.

While retrieving the items, the students reported they were suddenly approached by four suspects, one of whom was brandishing a firearm described as a black semi-automatic handgun. The victims complied when the suspects demanded they turn over their personal property. Two of the suspects took the keys to the vehicle and fled the scene in the vehicle, while the other two suspects fled the scene in a vehicle described as a gold colored four-door sedan. The students then came directly to Public Safety and the St. Paul Police Department was contacted immediately.

The suspects were described as four large Hispanic males. Three were described as under 5' 11" tall, and the other was described as tall. All suspects were described as having "buzz cut" hair. The victims noted the suspects spoke English to them, but Spanish to each other.

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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