

# UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



## ***PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – OCTOBER 30, 2007***

**ALERT:**  
Critical / Major Incident

**ADVISORY:**  
Important Incident

**BULLETIN:**  
General Information

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Public Safety is asking the University of St. Thomas community for assistance with the investigation of targeted hate crimes and what appears to have been a series of bias-motivated messages that occurred on campus.

On 10/30/2007 at 01:30 am, targeted racially motivated writing was found on a residence door on John Paul II Residence Hall's second floor. This is believed to have occurred between 10/29/2007 at 10:00 pm, and 10/30/2007 at 01:17 am.

Students in the same residence reported at 07:50 am, a racially motivated threatening note was found to have been slipped under their door. The note is believed to have been left between the hours of 02:00 am and 07:50 am.

These two incidents today follow a series of previously unreported acts of intolerance targeted at the same JP II residents over the past week. The residents found messages written on the dry erase board on the outside of their door.

According to the university's Statement on Offensive Behavior, *"The University of St. Thomas is a Catholic institution of higher learning. As such, it is dedicated to the proposition that hatred has no place in a community based on principles of Christian love for our fellow human beings. Harassment of an individual or group of individuals based on their race, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital status, creed, religion, socio-economic status, physical or mental disability is an attack on the very fabric of the institution itself."*

These acts are illegal and immoral. It is the expectation of the institution that anyone with information about these crimes is duty bound to assist this investigation. Those with knowledge of these crimes who fail to report the information could be held responsible as if they committed the act itself.

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

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

**Public Safety urges you to be pro-active and alert. You can help prevent crime!**

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Removal Date: 11/13/2007