

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – OCTOBER 31, 2007

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

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 07:10 pm, a racially motivated threatening note was found on a residence door on John Paul II Residence Hall's second floor. There is not a clear time frame for this incident.

On 10/31/2007 at 02:15 am, a resident of the same room reported another racially motivated threatening note was slipped under the door of the lower level JP11 computer lab while she was working in the lab. The note is believed to have been left between 01:47 AM and 02:15 am.

These incidents are directly related to acts of intolerance targeted at the same JP11 residents that have been previously reported to the campus community.

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,
or calling 96(2-TIPS).**

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

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