

# UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



## ***PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY – NOVEMBER 27, 2007***

**ALERT:**  
Critical / Major Incident

**ADVISORY:**  
Important Incident

**BULLETIN:**  
General Information

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Public Safety would like to advise the University of St. Thomas community of a suspicious incident that occurred in Selby Residence Hall.

On 11/27/2007 at approximately 04:00 PM, a UST student reported a suspicious female in the living area of her apartment in Selby Residence Hall. When the student asked the female subject what she was doing, she replied she was looking for someone named "Jessica" and asked the student if she was "Jessica." The student said she was not, and the female subject then left the apartment. The student contacted Public Safety immediately.

The subject was found by officers a few moments later wandering through the building and when asked was not able to produce identification. The subject was detained by Public Safety officers and the St. Paul Police Department was contacted.

The subject told officers she was on campus to meet a student named "Jessica" to purchase DVD players that had been posted for sale on Craigslist.org. Follow-up investigation revealed this story to be false. Follow-up investigation also revealed the subject was able to access the building and upper floors by following others into Selby Residence Hall.

The subject was identified by SPPD, found to have no known affiliation with the university, trespassed, and escorted off campus.

It should be noted the subject's behavior is identical to behaviors of other residence hall burglary suspects involved in incidents reported to the community on 05/01/2007 and 08/15/2007. It is common practice for experienced criminals to enter unsecured residences and claim to be seeking someone who does not live in the residence.

Public Safety wishes to stress that we were able to detain and trespass this individual as a result of proactive reporting from community members.

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

### **UST crime prevention tips:**

- Lock your officer or residence hall room door, even if you are home.
- It takes eight seconds for a thief to enter a room or office and leave with your valuables.
- More than 90 percent of room and office thefts involve occupants who were "just gone for a few moments."
- Be alert to any people in buildings or residence halls who appear suspicious. You know the areas that you live and work in best. If in doubt, notify Public Safety.
- Do not leave your purses, laptops, wallets, cash or other valuables unsecured in plain sight or unattended in public areas for even a short period of time.
- Remember suspect information, including approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, clothing, jewelry, scars, tattoos - anything noticeable.

**Public Safety urges you to be proactive 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

Removal Date: 12/11/2007