

# UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



## ***PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN – DECEMBER 14, 2007***

### **ALERT:**

Critical / Major Incident

### **ADVISORY:**

Important Incident

### **BULLETIN:**

General Information

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Public Safety would like to remind the University of St. Thomas community about the following regarding the end of semester book buyback at the St. Paul and Minneapolis campus bookstores.

Due to past thefts of textbooks and book bags, we ask you to be watchful of your property at all times. Do not leave your property unattended or out of your sight.

Public Safety and Bookstore employees also suggest that you mark your books and property in such a way that will only be identifiable by you. One example is to highlight certain words on specific pages in a book, or write a word or words that only have meaning to you. Marking property in such a way may assist with recovery of stolen property.

Each semester, Public Safety receives reports of stolen textbooks, primarily from students studying in the O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library Center. These textbooks are often sold back to the Bookstore during this buyback period.

While Public Safety increases patrol and surveillance during this time of year, we ask that you help by notifying us immediately if you see suspicious activity or people on or near campus.

Please contact Public Safety at (96)2-5100 if you would like additional campus crime prevention information.

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

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

- Report criminal or suspicious activity to Public Safety immediately.
- Lock your office 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 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