

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – JANUARY 19, 2008

ALERT:
Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:
Important Incident

BULLETIN:
General Information

Public Safety would like to alert the University of St. Thomas community of a robbery involving a UST community member.

On 01/19/2008 at approximately 03:00 PM, a UST student reported he had just parked his vehicle on South Finn Street in front of the Child Development Center, when another vehicle suddenly parked in front of him. An unidentified male exited the vehicle and approached the student.

The suspect demanded the student's money. The student told the suspect he did not have any and offered his cell phone. The suspect gave the phone back to the student and then patted him down to check for additional property. The suspect then produced a handgun, pointed the gun at the student's head, and told the student not to tell anyone about the incident. The suspect returned to his vehicle and headed east on Grand Avenue. The student reported the incident to the St. Paul Police Department immediately. SPPD and Public Safety officers searched the area, but were not able to locate the suspect or the vehicle.

The suspect was described as a black male, with a goatee and possible facial scar, approximately 6' tall, 175 lbs, 25 – 30 years old, wearing a blue winter hat, blue hooded sweatshirt, blue sweater, black jeans, and white tennis shoes. The handgun was described as a black revolver with a wood handle. The suspect's vehicle was described as a white Dodge Stratus with MN plate HXW551.

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, vehicle information, direction of travel – 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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