

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – FEBRUARY 6, 2008

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

Public Safety would like to alert the University of St. Thomas community regarding a sexual assault that occurred off campus. The St. Paul Police Department has advised Public Safety of the following:

On 01/30/2008, between 02:30 AM and 03:30 AM, an unaffiliated female reported to SPPD she was assaulted while walking near the intersection of Wheeler Street and Stanford Avenue. The male attacker approached the victim from behind and pulled her into an alley. When the assault was completed, the suspect fled eastbound on foot.

The victim described the suspect as white male, approximately 5' 8" – 5' 10" tall, wearing a dark knit ski mask with a single oval opening over the eyes, and a worn mid-length leather jacket.

Further details regarding the incident have not been released.

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.

Public Safety reminds all community members that escorts are available from Public Safety 24 hours a day. Escorts are provided to and from campus within a 6 block radius.

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:

- Call Public Safety to escort you to your destination.
- Report crimes immediately to Public Safety and the St. Paul Police Department.
- 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.
- 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 direction of travel, vehicle information, approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, clothing, jewelry, scars, tattoos – anything noticeable.
- Use a buddy system with your trusted friends to watch out for one another.

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: 02/20/2008