

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 an armed robbery that occurred off campus. The Macalester College Security Office has advised Public Safety of the following:

On 02/06/2008, at 01:30 AM, three Macalester Students reported they were walking along the 1700 block of Grand Avenue when they were approached by an unidentified male. They male was brandishing a knife and demanded cash from the students. Two of the students fled, while the third gave the suspect his wallet.

None of the students were harmed, and the incident was reported to the St. Paul Police Department.

The victims described the suspect as a black male with dark skin tone, 20 – 30 years old, approximately 6' 2" – 6' 3" tall, 180 – 200 lbs with an athletic build, with a corn row style hair-do and a possible goatee, wearing a brownish-gold puffy jacket and baggy pants.

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:

- 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

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