

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – FEBRUARY 12, 2008

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

Public Safety would like to alert the University of St. Thomas community regarding two robberies that occurred off campus.

On 02/09/2008, at 09:51 PM, a UST student reported a robbery near the intersection of Wilder Street and Laurel Avenue. Incident details were not provided at the time of the report. When Public Safety officers arrived on scene, they were not able to make contact with complainants or victims. Follow-up with the Ramsey County Communications Center confirmed St. Paul Police Officers were dispatched to the area to respond to a robbery. Follow-up attempts to make contact with the reporting student have not been successful.

02/11/2008, at 07:30 PM, a UST student reported he was robbed on Selby Avenue, between Wilder Street and Moore Street. The student was walking to his car, when an unidentified male came running past the student. The suspect then stopped and turned to face the student and asked if he had a cell phone. The suspect then brandished a knife and demanded the student give him his backpack and personal property.

The student turned his property over to the suspect, who then fled on foot westbound on Selby Avenue. The student went to his vehicle and came directly to the Public Safety office and reported the incident to Public Safety and the St. Paul Police Department.

The suspect is described as a black male, 25 – 30 years old, approximately 6' 2" tall, 175 – 200 lbs with an athletic build, a partial beard, wearing a large light brown leather jacket, possibly mid-thigh in length, black gloves, and black jeans. The suspect may have been wearing a black winter cap, or had short black hair.

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

Removal Date: 02/26/2008