

# UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



## ***PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY – APRIL 29, 2008***

### **ALERT:**

Critical / Major Incident

### **ADVISORY:**

Important Incident

### **BULLETIN:**

General Information

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Public Safety would like to advise the University of St. Thomas community regarding a sexual assault that occurred on the University of Minnesota campus. The U of M Police Department has advised Public Safety of the following:

On 04/27/2008, at approximately 1:00 AM, a female U of M student reported to police she was assaulted while in Pioneer Hall residence hall. The victim reported she was in a stairwell near the third floor when she was confronted by a male suspect. The male suspect dragged the victim into the third floor men's restroom, where a second male suspect where a second male suspect was waiting. When the assault was completed, the suspects fled the scene.

The first suspect was described as a light skinned black male, 20 -24 years old, approximately 5' 11" – 6' 1" tall, with muscular build, approximately 1" long afro-style hair, brown eyes, wearing a white t-shirt, light colored jeans, and black tennis shoes.

The second suspect was described as a light skinned black male, 18 – 22 years old, 5' 7" – 5' 10" tall, with muscular build, approximately 1" long afro-style hair, wearing a white t-shirt and jeans.

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 Public Safety at (651) 962-5100, or the U of M Police Department at (612) 624-2677.

**Report crime confidentially or anonymously:  
by e-mailing [PSTIPS@stthomas.edu](mailto: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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