

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY – OCTOBER 23, 2008

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

Public Safety would like to advise the University of St. Thomas community of an armed robbery that occurred off campus. The Macalester College Security Office has advised Public Safety of the following:

On 10/17/2008, at approximately 11:00 PM, two Macalester Students reported they were walking along Grand Avenue near Kowalski's Market when they were approached by two unidentified males. The suspects approached the students from behind. One of the suspects brandished a gun and demanded money from the students. The suspects went through the students backpacks and then fled west from the scene of the incident.

Neither of the students were harmed, and the incident was reported to the St. Paul Police Department.

The victims described both suspects male with dark skin tone, 19 - 20 years old, approximately 5' 10" – 5' 11" tall, medium build, wearing black/dark hooded sweatshirts, blue jeans, and bandanas on their heads.

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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