

# UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



## ***PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – NOVEMBER 16, 2008***

### **ALERT:**

Critical / Major Incident

### **ADVISORY:**

Important Incident

### **BULLETIN:**

General Information

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Public Safety would like to alert the University of St. Thomas community of an incident that occurred on Grand Avenue, where robbery appears to be the motive.

On 11/15/2008, at 10:44 PM, a UST student reported she was walking westbound on Grand Avenue, between the Child Development Center and 2151 Grand Avenue, when she was approached by two unidentified male suspects. The student reported the first suspect put his arms around her.

The student reported the suspect told her, "Calm down. Come with me so I don't have to shoot you." The student said she saw the suspect holding a small black handgun to her left side. The student screamed and dropped her purse, then ran away. The student fled the area and contacted Public Safety. The St. Paul Police Department was contacted immediately.

The student described the first suspect as a black male, 30-35 years of age, approximately 6' 3" tall, with dreadlocks and wearing dark clothing. The second suspect was described as a black male, 28-30 years of age, approximately 5' 10" tall, with shorter hair and wearing dark clothing.

***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 these crimes 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](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.
- 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: 11/30/2008