

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Timely Warning

July 17th, 2026

ALERT:
Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:
Important Incident

NOTIFICATION:
Timely Warning

Public Safety would like to notify the University of St. Thomas community about two recent motor vehicle thefts which occurred on or near the St. Paul campus

On July 12th, 2026, at approximately 5:30 A.M., an unidentified suspect stole a Kia Soul from an unknown location east of the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and Grand Avenue. The Kia was involved in a collision and abandoned near the Center for Well-Being after the suspect fled on foot.

On July 16th, 2026, at approximately 11:30 P.M., five unidentified suspects stole a University-owned utility vehicle from the MOR R3 parking garage. The vehicle was later abandoned in the Lower Quad. Shortly thereafter, the suspects unsuccessfully attempted to gain access to two University vehicles parked in APF. The suspects then left campus on foot.

It is unknown if these incidents were connected. The Department of Public Safety encourages everyone to take precautions to protect themselves and their property. Please see crime prevention tips below:

General Prevention Tips

- **Park Smart:** Choose well-lit areas or places with security cameras when parking your car.
- **Lock Up:** Always lock your doors and close your windows when you walk away from your vehicle.
- **Don't Leave Running:** Never leave your car running unattended.
- **Remove Valuables:** Keep valuables out of sight to avoid attracting attention.

General Crime prevention tips:

- Pay attention to your surroundings. Trust your instincts.
- Do not wear headphones while walking.
- Do not take unnecessary risks. Stay in populated, well-lit areas.
- Walk with a group or call Public Safety to escort you to your destination.
- Report crimes immediately to Public Safety and the Saint Paul Police Department.

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Report crime confidentially or anonymously:
by e-mailing PSTIPS@stthomas.edu,
or calling 96(2-TIPS).

If you have any information regarding these crimes you are urged to contact Public Safety at 651-962-5100 and the police (911).

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