

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION – April 12, 2018

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

The Department of Public Safety would like to notify the St. Thomas community of a trend in thefts from motor vehicles in the neighborhood near the St. Thomas (St. Paul) campus.

Seven thefts in total have occurred between 01/19/2018 to 04/09/2018.

The above-noted incidents appear to be crimes of opportunity. Vehicle accessories like wheels and license plates were stolen, and personal property items like wallets, laptops and backpacks were stolen from inside vehicles. In only one case was force used to gain access to the inside of a vehicle. In some cases, items visible and in plain view were present during the thefts.

Please make sure to take extra precautions to help safeguard your valuables.

Prevention Tips:

- Always lock your doors
- Keep windows closed and rolled up tight
- Never leave property in your vehicle (Backpacks, Purses, wallets, cell phones, radio or CD player faceplates, sports equipment)
- Never leave valuables anywhere in your vehicle, including your trunk (especially wallets, purses, or money)
- Always report suspicious activity to Public Safety (651-962-5100) and the police (651-291-1111)

Immediately call the Department of Public Safety at (96)2-5555 if you see suspicious people loitering or lurking on and around campus.

Please note physical descriptors of the suspect(s), the last known location and direction of travel, and a vehicle license plate number.

Public Safety advocates not becoming complacent or content when crimes of this nature have not occurred for a period of time.

Public Safety urges you to be pro-active and alert. You can help prevent crime!

This Document is not considered a Timely Warning Notification under campus crime reporting requirements.

If you have any information about these crimes you are urged to contact Public Safety at (96)2-5100 and the police (911).

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