The University of St. Thomas Department of Public Safety and the St. Paul Police Department are investigating the report of a sexual assault near the university’s St. Paul campus over the weekend.

A female St. Thomas student reported to Public Safety that she had been assaulted about 12:30 a.m. Sunday, August 29th, at a home on Cleveland Avenue. The male suspect forced the woman into the home’s bathroom, forcibly removed her clothing, and sexually assaulted her.

The woman eventually was able to break free and flee from the home.

Weapons were not used in the attack.

After reporting the attack to St. Thomas and St. Paul police officers, the student was treated at a hospital.

Public Safety and the Police are searching for the suspect who is described as an 18- to 25-year-old white male with a muscular build and dirty-blond, bushy, collar-length hair. The suspect did not have facial hair, scars or unusual markings, and was last seen wearing a blue shirt.

Anyone with information regarding this crime or the suspect described above is urged to call the Department of Public Safety at (651) 962-5100, or the St. Paul Police Department at (651) 292-3612.

Crime prevention tips:

- Use the Public Safety Escort Service to accompany you to your destination.
- Walk with groups of people - 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 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.

Public Safety urges you to be proactive and alert. You can help prevent crime!

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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