PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY – SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

ALERT: Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY: Important Incident

BULLETIN: General Information

Public Safety would like to advise the University of St. Thomas community of a suspicious incident that occurred on the 1900 block of Portland Avenue.

On 09/10/2015 at 11:00 PM, a UST student reported she had seen an unidentified male suspect in the backyard of her off campus residence the previous two nights. The student reported the incidents to the St. Paul Police Department. SPPD informed the student they took the suspect into custody earlier on 09/10/2015. Media reports have since identified the suspect, as well as reporting he has been previously convicted of privacy/peeping offenses.

Public Safety wants to stress that the student’s timely reporting of the incidents helped facilitate SPPD’s response and apprehension of the suspect.

Additionally, Public Safety has learned of several home/garage burglaries in the surrounding campus neighborhoods reported to SPPD since the start of the month. There is no information linking the incidents with the aforementioned suspect. We are sharing this to emphasize the importance of off campus residents being vigilant and contacting SPPD when an incident occurs.

Anyone with information regarding these crimes is urged to call Public Safety at (651) 962-5100 or the St. Paul Police Department at (651) 291-1111.

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

UST crime prevention tips:
• Keep all doors and windows locked, even when you are home.
• If you see suspicious persons at your door or on your property, contact the police immediately. Report crimes immediately to the police and Public Safety.
• Report any damaged or malfunctioning locks, doors, or windows to your landlord for immediate repair.
• Reinforce doors with deadbolt locks. Reinforce sliding doors or windows with wooden or metal rods placed in the slide track.
• Do not open doors for strangers.
• Remember suspect information, including approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, clothing, jewelry, scars, tattoos, vehicle information and last direction of travel - anything noticeable.

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

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