PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

Public Safety would like to alert the University of St. Thomas community of an armed robbery that occurred in the area of Portland & Prior Avenues.

On 9/28/2014, at approximately 01:00 AM, two UST students reported they were walking southbound on Prior Avenue near Portland Avenue, with two non-affiliated friends. Two suspects approached the group, one of whom was reported as having a handgun. One of the students immediately handed over her wallet. The suspect then pointed the gun at the chest of the second student, and then one of the friends. Both turned over their purses. The suspects fled southbound on Prior Avenue, getting into a black SUV before reaching Summit Avenue, and leaving the area.

The St. Paul Police Department was contacted.

Both suspects were described as black males in their early 20's. The suspect with the handgun was also described as having long braids, and being very short in height.

*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 perpetrator 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,
or calling 96(2-TIPS).

Crime prevention tips:
- Pay attention to your surroundings, particularly at late hours. Trust your instincts.
- Don't take unnecessary risks. Stay in populated, well-lit areas.
- Call Public Safety to escort you to your destination.
- Walk in groups – there is safety in numbers.
- Report crimes immediately to Public Safety and the Minneapolis Police Department.
- Know brand, model and serial # of valuables. Don’t risk your safety over valuables.
- Remember suspect information, including direction of travel, vehicle information, approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, clothing, jewelry, scars, tattoos – anything noticeable.

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

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If you have information regarding crimes on campus you are urged to contact Public Safety at (651) 962-5100 and the St. Paul Police Dept. (651) 291-1111.

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