UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Alert January 16, 2023

ALERT: ADVISORY: NOTIFICATION:
Critical / Major Incident Important Incident General Information

Public Safety would like to notify the University of St. Thomas community about an attempted carjacking that occurred on the St. Paul campus near the Anderson Student Center.

A St. Thomas guest reported an attempted carjacking to the St. Paul Police Department. Ramsey County Dispatch Center called and notified Public Safety of the Incident. The attempted carjacking occurred on 1/16/2023 around 6:30 PM.

The St. Thomas guest reported after dropping off their kid for practice they were returning to their vehicle where they were approached by a suspect demanding to give them the keys to their vehicle. The St. Thomas guest ran to a nearby vehicle and requested them to call emergency services. The suspect fled back to their vehicle and drove away in an unknown direction of travel. There was no mention of a weapon being brandished or threatened.

The suspect was described as skinny build, 5' 8" to 5' 9", wearing a face mask, and all-black clothing. The vehicle he exited and entered was described as a black Mercedes crossover with a partial Minnesota License plate "DWF". The vehicle was occupied by at least two suspects.

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.

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

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-in groups of people or call Public Safety to escort you to your destination.
- Remember suspect information, including the direction of travel, vehicle information, approximate age, height, weight, and details on hair, clothing, jewelry, scars, and tattoos anything noticeable.
- Report crimes immediately to Public Safety and the St. Paul Police Department.

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

Removal Date: 01/30/2023