



# Benedictine University

## POLICE NEWS



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### UNIVERSITY POLICE HELP WITH WINTER SAFETY

In preparation for an upcoming ice storm, University Police handed out (150) window scrapers to the motorists of Benedictine University. The scrapers pictured below have the University Police logo and phone number on them.



Officer Ronald Boris

### COMPLIANCE WITH SMOKE FREE ACT...

To comply with this Act, you will see the following changes on the Benedictine University campus by January 1, 2008:

**“No Smoking” signs posted on or near each entrance door of all campus buildings.**

**Fliers identifying conveniently located designated smoking areas on campus.**

**Ashtrays only at designated smoking areas.**

### ATM FRAUD SWEEPING CHICAGO AREA

Be aware of ongoing ATM fraud occurring at Washington Mutual ATMs. Suspects are placing a card reader and possibly a keypad overlay over the legitimate reader and keypad. Suspects may also be placing a device in which a pinhole camera is looking down upon the keypad to capture account holder PIN information.



If you notice one of these devices, inform the bank & immediately and call the police. Do not touch it or remove it as this may contaminate any retrievable evidence. These cases are currently under investigation by the U.S. Secret Service.

### ILLINOIS SMOKE FREE ACT...

Benedictine Community,

You may already be aware that the Smoke Free Illinois Act goes into effect on January 1, 2008. Smoking will be prohibited in public places, places of employment and within 15 feet of an entrance to public places or places of employment.

The Act defines smoke/smoking as “the carrying, smoking, burning, inhaling, or exhaling of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, hookah (e.g., shisha or sheesha), weed, herbs, or any other lighted smoking equipment.”

Thanks in advance for your adherence to this new law.

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**IDENTITY THEFT, A GROWING PROBLEM...**

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personally identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.

The FTC estimates that as many as 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. In fact, you or someone you know may have experienced some form of identity theft.

The crime takes many forms. Identity thieves may rent an apartment, obtain a credit card, or establish a telephone account in your name. You may not find out about the theft until you review your credit report or a credit card statement and notice charges you didn't make—or until you're contacted by a debt collector

**DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?**



Police Officer Ronald Boris. Ron holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice and served on the University Park police Department. Ron is currently our FBI liaison and Gang officer.

**UNDERAGE DRINKING:**

Due to recent D.U.I. traffic stops on campus... we would like to inform our community of some information regarding DUI and associated crimes in Illinois.

Underage Drinking can lead to unwise choices throughout life. If you are under (21) do not drink. If you are caught driving under the influence of alcohol under the age of (21) the maximum penalty is loss of your driving privileges for (2) years and fines up to \$2,500.00

If anyone, minors and adults over (21) alike are caught providing alcohol to minors, the mandatory penalty is imprisonment for up to (1) year and fines up to \$2,500.00.

Possession of alcoholic beverages by minors under (21) whether opened or unopened will result in the mandatory penalty of \$2,500.00 fine and up to (1) year in jail.

Illegal transportation of alcohol by persons under (21) will result in the mandatory penalty of fines up to \$1,000.00 and suspension of driver's license for an undetermined time.

The use of a fake I.D. to purchase alcoholic beverages is punishable by (1-3) years in prison, fines up to \$25,000.00. If you allow your license or I.D. to be used to purchase alcohol by a minor is also punishable by (1-3) years in prison, fines up to \$25,000.00.