

## ■ Security Alert

## November 30, 2008

As most of you have already seen, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, Dallas was the victim of an armed robbery on Thanksgiving evening, Thursday, November 22, 2007. Most of the offense was captured by the church security cameras and has been used by the Dallas Police Department in their investigation. The below link, shows the video, along with an interview with the first suspect arrested in the robbery.

<http://cbs11tv.com/local/First.Baptist.Church.2.596128.html>



The picture above shows the two suspects with rolling carts containing at least one of

the flat panel televisions that were taken during the robbery. Other portions of the video show the suspects walking down a hallway, with weapons drawn. Although this offense is not characteristic of other thefts and burglaries in the area, cautions should be exercised at all times when confronting or contacting subjects in suspicious circumstances

This offense highlights the importance of a good quality CCTV (close circuit television) system. In particular, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist's system covers the elevator (shown above), the hallways and the exterior of the building.

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In addition to the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist offense, several other area churches have been victimized, with the primary loss being high end electronics, specifically flat panel televisions.

If you have been victimized **and** have video or other information that would be helpful in the ongoing police investigations, you can either contact me or contact the Dallas Police Department's Robbery Unit at 214-670-3584.