High instance of juvenile crime affects TCU community

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J. C. Williams, the assistant chief of the TCU Police Department, said he has not had a problem with fights at football games. "TCU’s events are so much fun," he said. "High schoolers cut class, break into students’ cars, and have little respect for authority. That learned behavior carries over into adulthood."}

Students at TCU have a lower crime rate than other inner-city colleges and universities, according to TCU’s Department of Public Safety. "The students at TCU are not as crime-prone as other inner-city colleges and universities," said Captain Jim Brown, director of TCU’s Department of Public Safety. "However, we have seen an increase in the number of burglaries and thefts on campus."}

The TCU Police Department has been working with the campus community to reduce the number of crimes on campus. "We have implemented a new crime prevention program that includes increased patrols, crime prevention workshops, and a reward program for information leading to the arrest of criminals," said Captain Brown. "We are also working with the community to increase awareness of crime prevention and to encourage community involvement in crime reduction efforts."

Journey of Hope participants speak out against death penalty

Bill Pelke became enraged when his grandmother was stabbed to death in her Indiana home in 1995. Four additional Journey of Hope participants will speak at the event to express their opposition to the death penalty. "We believe in second chances and rehabilitation," said Pelke. "We also believe in the possibility of redemption."}

Pelke, who was originally in favor of the death penalty, said he experienced resentment but eventual- ly chose a path of forgiveness and worked to overcome the traumas of early childhood. "I am now a peace advocate and a speaker on forgiveness and reconciliation."

Journey of Hope encourages students to consider alternatives to the death penalty. "We want to encourage students to think critically about the death penalty and to consider alternative options for dealing with crime," said Pelke. "We want to promote the idea of rehabilitation and second chances."