

# The Claremont Colleges

Campus Security, Ext. 7-2000

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## April Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

There are variations in crime and incident patterns from year-to-year but, there is no significant *different* trend at the moment. We are moving into the final days of the semester and anticipate that this year will be much like last year in terms of crime and security issues, especially during the moving out period.

In May of last year we experienced many thefts of student property during and shortly before the moving out process, including: CD's, CD players, laptop computers, bicycles, backpacks, wallets, clothing and camera equipment.

### Explanations/Reminders

In July of this year the name Campus Security becomes **Campus Safety**. Our function remains the same.

We are aware that some persons have noticed what seems to be an apparent discrepancy between the tallied *statistics* at the end of this report and the descriptions of

incidents and crimes in the blotter section of this same report. Others have noted that the mandatory crime reporting documents provided through admissions or other campus offices, likewise differ from activity totals noted in this report.

The reason for that is that the crime statistics and mandatory crime reporting documents report **Crimes** only, not incidents. Crimes result when an incident which fits the definition of a crime occurs and the victim wishes to have a crime report (police report) and that report is completed and forwarded to the Claremont Police Dept. If the victim only wants a **dean's report** or an entry into the Security daily log (log entry) that incident is not tabulated as a crime for reporting purposes. There are many incidents which qualify as crimes, which the victim does not wish to report as such, for whatever reason. We still describe some of those incidents in the blotter so you can know what is being reported around here. Additionally, there are some mandatory reporting subjects such as rape, sexual assault and hate incidents which are reported, as exceptions to what we just said, even though they have not been processed as police reports nor even scrutinized for truthfulness by law enforcement standards. Some of those incidents have been reported to campus officials other than Security or the Police Department, with no details being provided to Security.

For your information, we have recently reduced the quantity of incidents reported in this publication in order to keep the focus on

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the most important incidents of public interest.

## Selective Incident Summary, April 1 — April 30, 1999

- Eight vehicles were spray painted with water soluble paint while parked.
- Two young black males about 6' tall were seen walking about and casing bike racks. They were identified by Security and CPD. One was on County probation and both were cited for day time loitering and taken to their high school.
- Maintenance staff and students witnessed a short, black male taking a bike from a rack. He fled south and CPD caught him on Indian Hill Blvd. after he breached the railroad crossing arms in front of a train, delaying the pursuing CPD officer. He was arrested following staff and student identification of the subject.
- At 1616 hrs. a student reported his vehicle rear window smashed by a piece of concrete.
- At 1708 hrs. on the same day another student reported his driver's side door kicked and dented (parked within a block of the previous incident).
- A Security officer noticed an older male in all black clothing climb over the Physical Plant fence and attempt to gain entry into the tool boxes on parked trucks. Security stopped the subject who was known from previous arrests and interviews. He was arrested by CPD for trespassing.
- Staff reported the theft of petty cash from an unlocked office desk.
- At 0009 hrs. a female student reported an unknown female sleeping in her bed and wearing the student's clothing. CPD arrested the subject for trespassing. She was identified as a San Bernardino resident. She could not remember how she got into the student's bed.
- A Security officer reported erratic driving in a parking lot. CPD stopped and arrested the subject who was "driving under the influence".
- A student reported that someone entered her room and stole her phone.
- A female reported a "hit and run" to her vehicle. She motioned for the other driver to pull over but he fled onto the campus. CPD was notified but the suspect was not found.
- Two students were cited by CPD for drug violations while attending an open social event on campus.
- Staff reported the theft of cash from an unlocked safe in an office.
- Security officers stopped two Hispanic male subjects loitering on campus. CPD responded when one was discovered to be carrying a bolt cutter. That subject had an outstanding warrant and also falsely identified himself to CPD. He was arrested. The other subject was released after being warned about trespassing.
- Three Hispanic male subjects reportedly smashed a bathroom mirror while attending an open social event. They were gone before Security arrived and remain unidentified.
- At 2230 hrs. a student found a tall, white male subject with tatoos in his room. The subject was stopped by Security after he entered his vehicle in a nearby parking lot. He said he was lost and was looking for a bathroom. He was warned about trespassing and left.
- At 0307 hrs. a student reported the apparent theft of two hallway phone handsets from a dorm.
- A light standard and a nearby electrical box were vandalized near a dorm.
- Two vehicles parked in a lot next to each other were vandalized.
- At 0234 hrs. students reported juveniles in a dorm lounge. Security found an off-campus juvenile male and a former student of the campus who was in possession of marijuana. The former student was cited by CPD and both were escorted from campus.
- Three wheel covers were stolen from a parked vehicle between 1140 and 1200 hrs.
- A student reported the theft of a laptop computer from an unlocked dorm room.
- An elevator repair worker reported the theft of his hand held computer from his tool case while he was working on a campus elevator.
- AT 0430 two off-campus females reported the theft of cash from their purses from an unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that someone took cash from his wallet while he slept in his unlocked room. He found the wallet in the trash can.

- A student's notebook computer was stolen from his dorm room. Entry was through an unlocked adjoining bathroom.
- CPD responded to the campus to arrest a student who had failed to appear in court for a "driving under the influence" charge.
- Security officers responded to an alumni party where off-campus males were seen causing problems and urinating publicly. One of the subjects assaulted a Security officer and fled with the officer in pursuit. He caught up to them and was then battered by three of them before they fled. A Security officer following in a vehicle was then also assaulted and his vehicle damaged when the suspects stopped and ran back to the following vehicle and smashed the windshield and subsequently fled, unidentified. CPD was notified but arrived too late to assist.
- Security officers checked 10 subjects at 0246 hrs. and found one with 2 film containers full of marijuana and a pipe. He had been warned about trespassing numerous times before. He was arrested by CPD for disturbing the peace. Another of the subjects was arrested for a curfew violation.
- A student reported the theft of his wallet from the floor of the weight room at an athletic facility.
- Two females reported a male subject, approx. age 40, masturbating in a gold Saturn in sight of passing female pedestrians. CPD and Security responded but the subject fled.
- A student reported the theft of his cable-locked bike from a dorm rack.
- Security responded to a dorm lounge and found an intoxicated minor without someone to take responsibility for him. CPD responded and identified him although he provided an alias. He was arrested for disturbing the peace.

## Crime Prevention Strategies/Tips

- T Retrieve stored items early. Secure them in your room, if possible.
- T ALWAYS lock your room during "move out" time, between loads, etc.
- T Report strangers "cruising" the dorms. (It is common practice for "locals" to salvage discarded student property. If your "good" stuff is in a hallway, on the curb or unattended anywhere, it is very likely to disappear quickly.)
- T If you are going to discard items of value, try to arrange to give them away ahead of time.
- T Lock your vehicle during loading and have someone standing by to protect unlocked roof racks, trailers or truck beds.
- T Have your property loaded and secured before you turn your key in. Do NOT leave your room unlocked/unattended with your property packed up in it.
- T Clarify who owns what with roommates early to preclude last minute theft charges and arguments.
- T Please don't start fires, explode devices, drive drunk, or commit other crimes while in exuberant celebration before leaving.

Have a safe and fruitful summer.

## April 1999 Statistics

Annoying Call	1
Assault	2
ADW (assault w/deadly weapon)	1
Disturbance	0
Hate Incident	0
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
<i>Other</i>	1
Arson	0
Burglary	0
Theft (From Auto)	1
Theft (Bike)	3
Theft (Building)	8
Theft (Other)	3
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	3
Vandalism	9
<i>Other</i>	0

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