

The Claremont Colleges

Campus Security, Ext. 7-2000

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May Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

This month was highly impacted with security issues in the first half, then blessed with a hiatus for the balance. However, the beginning of summer programs and extensive construction and renovation projects will have an effect on Security “busyness” for the balance of the summer. If the usual patterns continue, we will continue to have thefts from offices, vehicles, and from summer program participants. We should continue to be on the lookout for trespassers.

The Department of Campus Safety (the new name — we’re “jumping the gun” a little) will, as always, be open 24 hrs. daily, 7 days weekly. Generally, there is little parking space pressure during the summer and parking enforcement will be minimal in terms of registration and location, except for fire zones, red zones and handicapped parking. Be ready to renew your parking permit in the Fall semester.

Selective Incident Summary, May 1 – May 31, 1999

- Staff reported a broken table leg and shattered light bulb from a backstage area.
- Someone broke into a student’s room

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through an unlocked window and stole 40 CD’s.

- CPD reported a direct call regarding a student who reportedly had taken GHB and had a bad reaction. Security, CPD and LACFD responded and the student was transported to a local hosp.
- A student reported the theft of a backpack from a dining hall cubicle.
- A student’s off-campus boyfriend was choked and shoved by another off-campus male subject following a discussion about religion after a party. The perpetrator was identified and CPD responded but the victim did not press charges.
- A student reported vandalism to his clock and lamp in his unlocked room while he was out.
- A backpack containing a student’s credit cards and other property was stolen from a dining hall cubicle and the credit cards were subsequently used.
- A student reported the theft of her unlocked bike from a rack.
- A staff person’s rear vehicle window was scratched while parked in a lot.
- A student whose window had been “egged” a week ago reported that someone wrote “Murder Nigger” on his dorm room dry erase board. The victim declined a written report.
- LACFD paramedics responded to check an unresponsive, intoxicated student after a party. He recovered and declined medical care by paramedics.
- A female student who lost her I.D. card began receiving harassing, malicious phone calls from persons who said they had found the card.
- A student’s bike was stolen from an interior dorm stairway.
- A student’s backpack was stolen from a biological field station.
- Security officers reported partially nude, possibly intoxicated, females crossing a campus demarcation to a pool area as well as in open

view within the campus, as part of a graduation ritual.

- Two students who had just exited their parked vehicle, on a city street bordering the campus, were approached by two black males, ages 18 — 23 in a vehicle. One of the men pointed a black pistol at the male student and demanded his wallet. When the student advised them that he left the wallet at home they considered the answer briefly then drove away in their Ford Mustang. CPD responded and took an attempted robbery report.
- Someone deflated a staff person's vehicle tires and stole the hub caps.
- A student reported the theft of his locked bike and u-lock from a dorm rack.
- Another student reported the theft of a cable-locked bike from a dorm rack.
- A female student reported an acquaintance rape in a dorm room. CPD is investigating.
- A student reported the slashing of two of his vehicle tires overnight.
- An electric utility cart with a laser printer aboard was found abandoned after having been stolen from the area of a computing center.
- A student reported the theft of a Nintendo game with accessories from a dorm room overnight.
- An employee's vehicle was damaged by a hit-and-run driver in a lot.
- A purse was stolen from under a bench in the hallway of an academic building.
- A Hyundai stolen from Upland was found abandoned, with its radio missing, in a campus lot by a Security officer.
- Two males in a tan minivan were attempting to sell speaker to students. Security and CPD responded but were UTL (unable to locate).
- A full-sized microwave oven was stolen from a dorm lounge.
- A Dominoes Pizza deliveryman reported a group of students broke into his vehicle while he was delivering and then threw a bottle at his vehicle. Security found over 30 students in the area but were unable to identify the perpetrators.
- Two students were seen driving a stolen utility cart. They fled into a student center building at 0405 hrs. and the cart was returned by Security.

- A student's guest requested a crime report following damage to his vehicle which resulted when someone threw a chair into a dumpster, from which it fell onto the car and smashed the window.
- A number of different persons were reported cruising dorms, apparently looking for discarded or otherwise available property during "move out".
- A wallet including cash and cards was stolen from an unlocked dorm room during "move out".
- A case containing 50 CD's was stolen from an unlocked dorm room during "move out".
- A student reported the theft of a guitar from an exterior balcony.
- A student's bike U-locked to a dorm rack was stolen, leaving the front wheel locked to the rack
- Staff discovered a closet converted to a marijuana nursery with plants still in it. The dean and CPD were advised.
- A student reported the theft of his guitar which had been placed outside of his room during the loading process.

All preceding entries occurred before Tues., 05/18/99, while most of the students were still on campus.

- A professor's blue, woman's, "regular" bike, possibly left in a parking lot, is missing. Advise Security if found.
- A Security officer found two males tampering with an emergency phone. They fled but one was stopped and identified. He was warned about trespassing on campus and released.
- A professor reported the theft of a top loading balance, valued at \$1500 from a biology dept.
- A student reported the theft of a bike U-locked to a dorm rack by the front wheel. The wheel remained locked to the rack.

Crime Prevention Strategies/Tips

Looking at the report from last summer we see that there were quite a few thefts from summer residents as well as from summer program offices. Those of us involved with summer programs should go “out of our way” to inform summer program personnel of the possibility of theft occurring. They should be encouraged to lock offices they use at all times. Individual room doors, likewise, should be locked whenever they are not occupied by the residents.

Local thieves who know the campuses well are often able to enter dorms and administrative buildings with impunity. They can go through a dorm and steal from dozens of rooms in a short period. Typically, the target property is cash, credit cards, small electronic items, portable computers, CD’s and cell phones. In offices, the target will be petty cash boxes which often are not locked. Try to encourage our summer people to secure their offices and valuable items.

Remind everyone that the emergency phones on campus can be used to report crimes in progress or suspicious activity, as well as other emergencies. For maximum effectiveness please advise summer people that they should call the Department of Campus Safety FIRST in the event of any campus emergency, rather than calling 911 from a campus phone. Remember, the identifier seen by the CPD dispatcher when 911 is used is the telephone office. Unless the caller gives a complete, accurate address to CPD or LACFD the call will be assumed to be coming from the phone office area. The Dept. of Campus Safety will get emergency service providers to you faster — with a Dept. of Safety escort.

Anybody having contact with outside contractors should likewise advise them of the campus emergency phones and that the Dept. of Campus Safety (ext. 7-2000) is the best way to get emergency services or to report crimes.

May 1999 Statistics

Annoying Call	1
Assault	1
ADW (assault w/deadly weapon)	0
Disturbance	0
Hate Incident	1
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	2
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
<i>Other</i>	3
Arson	0
Burglary	2
Theft (From Auto)	0
Theft (Bike)	6
Theft (Building)	9
Theft (Other)	4
Grand Theft Auto	1
Trespass	1
Vandalism	3
<i>Other</i>	0

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