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January Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

In the month of January eleven dorm room burglaries/thefts were reported. Many of those occurred during the Christmas break and were reported upon the return of the students. Six of those burglaries are known to have occurred after January 15th, when many students had already returned. The burglaries occurred on four of the undergraduate campuses and, in four cases, nearby or adjoining rooms were entered. Seven dorms were entered altogether. The time frames of eight of the eleven crimes were too long to determine a close time/date correlation but three occurred within a 24 hour time frame suggesting that those crimes occurred between 9 pm and noon on Saturday or Sunday and Tuesday. (Not overly helpful.) Additionally, 10 rooms were entered via the door and only one was by forced entry. Most of the doors were unlocked. In one case, entry was through an unlocked window.

Items stolen were: laptop computers, jewelry, TV equipment, Nintendo game, skateboard, phone answering machine, music CD's, cash, credit cards, ATM cards, leather jacket. The credit cards were used in nearby communities.

We believe the suspect(s) carry or steal a backpack or bag of some sort to carry small items stolen and are able, by virtue of "dress" and age to blend-in to the campus environment and, thereby, gain access to the dorms.

As of the first days of February, we have had at least one additional burglary in which a purse was removed from an unlocked room.

Selective Incident Summary, January 1 — 31, 2000

- A Safety officer discovered an off campus male painting his stylized moniker on an expression wall. He was advised to desist and leave and complied.
- Cash, credit cards and an ATM card were reported stolen from an unlocked dorm room.
- Staff reported an open window with the screen removed in a dining hall. There was a package of hot dogs on top of a bundle of onions out of place.
- Staff reported a male subject who broke fire extinguisher cases in a dorm and continued belligerency against the staff person in the parking lot nearby. Safety officers responded, encountering an intoxicated, irrational, truculent male student who had to be restrained for his own safety.

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He was transported by CPD to jail and then to an institution for further care.

- Safety officers found an intoxicated serviceman in a vehicle. He was escorted to the room of a friend in a dorm.
- A bike cable lock was cut and the bike stolen from a dorm rack.
- Staff reported a travelling billboard advertising textbooks for sale parked illegally on campus property. The driver was advised to stay off of campus property.
- A DVD player, tapes and disks plus computer games were stolen from a locked dorm room .
- Credit cards and cash were taken from an unlocked dorm room. The credit card was used at stores in Pomona.
- A staff person witnessed a Nissan Altima hit a parked Honda then leave. CPD was given the information including the license plate of the suspect vehicle.
- A student reported the theft of jewelry and cash from a dorm room in which the other occupant had also been victimized by the thief.
- A TV/ VCR was stolen from a locked dorm room.
- Admin. buildkng keys were stolen from a utility cart while parked.
- A locked bike was stolen from a student residence house backyard.
- A female student received an annoying/obscene phone call from the same person who had called her last semester.
- A wallet with cards and cash was taken from an unlocked dorm room.
- Officers responding to an emergency phone activation found the phone ripped from the wall and missing.
- A student's skateboard was stolen from his unlocked room.
- A bike locked to a dorm rack with a Kryptonite u-lock was stolen when the thief cut the older model bike rack, the weakest point.

- Safety officers assisted dorm staff in dispersing an unauthorized gathering of 30 students drinking alcohol in a dorm courtyard. Shortly thereafter, a female student who had over-consumed alcohol was evaluated for safety and put into the care of an RA.
- A hit-and-run report was taken by CPD following damage done to a parked vehicle on a campus street.
- Female students reported being harassed by a male student who had been banned from campus. He left but returned later with binoculars. He was apprehended by Safety officers and arrested by CPD for "peeking while prowling" and for stalking.
- Safety officers reported difficulty controlling a crowd at a party who attempted to force entry contrary to over-capacity restrictions. Officers and others were knocked down and severely jostled by students rushing the gate.
- An intoxicated female who passed out after 8 shots of vodka was transported to the medical clinic, still unconscious.
- Officers responding to an emergency phone activation found several intoxicated students but no emergency in the area.
- An RA reported tampering of a 1st floor lounge window grate.
- A student reported malicious, homophobic mischief done to her door poster and the illegal burning of another paper on her door.
- Students reported a suspicious white male walking in and out of a party at 0221 hrs. smoking marijuana. Safety officers identified the subject and attempted to escort him to his vehicle but he said he couldn't remember where he parked it, then ran away. CPD officers then found him as he headed back and escorted him to his vehicle.

- An RA confiscated a metal bollard belonging to another campus. It was returned.
- An RA reported that someone threw a rock through a window of a dorm.
- An ATM card previously reported stolen was now found to have been used at a Wal-mart store, a motel and two gas stations.
- A local resident walking her dog on campus reported being "attacked" by two dogs belonging to another local resident. CPD and Humane Society officers responded. No biting occurred but the subject was cited for possession of dogs without current licenses or inoculations.
- An emergency phone activation occurred in an area where Safety officers found 12 - 15 intoxicated students but no emergency.
- A student dorm room was entered via an unlocked window and a laptop computer and CD's were stolen.
- Safety officers responded to a phone call and found a male student who had painted a dorm wall with color printer cartridges, also getting it on the carpet. The dean was advised.
- Three BMX bike riders doing tricks on campus were identified with the assistance of CPD officers. They were advised to leave and complied.
- A student reported a possible domestic violence situation in a student room. Safety officers discussed the situation with the involved students, the dean and RA's and determined that no injury had occurred. Appropriate counseling was arranged by the dean.
- A phone/answering machine was stolen from a dorm room.
- Safety officers were dispatched to a dorm area where students were reportedly throwing bottles. They found broken bottles but no students.
- Two males set fire to a paper banner hung outside of a dorm.
- Safety officers found the CUC mail cart near a dorm and returned it to its storage location.
- A student and an off-campus person collided in their vehicles outside of a college president's office on a city street. CPD responded. There were no injuries.
- Eight to ten off-campus persons were illicitly playing in an athletic facility. Safety officers, responding to assist in removing them, discovered an emergency exit door propped open.
- CPD responded to a student residence and LACFD transported a student to the hospital to treat a deep cut on the wrist in spite of the objections of the student and a friend who were upset and uncooperative.
- Staff reported the illicit entry into two academic building rooms and the use of computers in those rooms.
- Students heard noise outside of their dorm room and opened the door to find another student urinating on their door. The dean was advised.
- Students reported the theft of the dorm 32" TV from the lounge.
- Safety officers heard explosive noise at 0123 hrs. and were told by students that a device had been exploded between dorms which had sent flames outward in a radius of 50 feet.
- A Safety officer discovered the grass of a rugby field torn up by vehicle tracks.
- An ATM card reported stolen by a student was used 2 or 3 times.
- A male subject previously banned from campus was spotted at a party. He had been asked to leave and complied by the time Safety officers arrived.
- A fire alarm pull box was activated by an unknown white male who pulled the box and ran out of the dorm.
- RA's turned in a bong they confiscated from a student. They will be following up with the dean.

- A Safety officer reported that a small tree near a dorm had been broken off recently.
- An RA was threatened by an irate, intoxicated student who refused to reduce the noise level upon request. The subject was restrained by his friends and later called spurious noise complaints in to Campus Safety, in retaliation, it was suspected.
- A professor reported that someone had broken another ceramic pot with a tree in it, in an area that previously had suffered several broken tree containers.
- At 2308 hrs. Safety officers found three subjects sleeping in a vehicle east of Honnold Library. They were advised to leave and complied.
- An intoxicated student at a party deliberately poured beer on a Campus Safety officer. Criminal charges are in abeyance while the dean is handling the matter.
- At about the same time as the beer pouring incident another student reported the theft of a wallet from her purse from an unlocked social room.
- An RA requested assistance in retrieving a keg from a party where many intoxicated students were drinking and where other altercations occurred. The matter was referred to the dean on duty.
- A student reported the sound of breaking bottles in a dorm courtyard. Officers found the bottles but nobody was there.
- A student reported that four personally owned car seats were broken when thrown from the 2nd floor balcony of a dorm.
- At 0901 a Safety officer found a quad fountain full of soap suds.
- An RA reported suspicious male subjects in a dorm lounge at 2258 hrs. The subjects were initially befriended by a student but he withdrew his support when CPD responded and the subjects, who were in possession of

a large screwdriver and a little marijuana, were interviewed and escorted off campus.

- Students reported someone breaking glass in a dorm courtyard. Safety officers found broken bottles and overturned trash cans but students in the area having a party denied making the mess.
- CPD responded to interview a professor who had been threatened by a former student. A crime report was written.
- A student reported the theft of a CD player from a dorm storage area.

Crime Prevention Strategies/Tips

Thieves are looking for opportunities and are, obviously, finding them on our campuses. Most of the thefts are from unlocked, unsecured rooms, offices, buildings, etc. So, locking doors is the most important single thing we can do to protect our property. This is not exactly a new strategy, but it's a good idea. Secondly, we need to report suspicious activity. If one sees strangers snooping or wandering around at odd hours of the day or night, especially persons carrying backpacks, etc. when there are no classes going on, or when otherwise out of place — call Campus Safety! Then, if possible, maintain a visual contact and direct responding officers to the persons or activity in question. Usually, by the time officers arrive, the persons reported are gone. Since most of dorm or office thefts involve small, easily carried objects, it would be a good idea to obtain a sturdy chest, safe, box, cabinet or container of some kind which can be locked securely. Keep valuable items inside when not in use. This is especially important in regard to laptop computers and cases of CD's.

January Statistics

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

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