

# The Claremont colleges

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## November Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

**B**icycle theft continues at about the same high rate. The bikes stolen have either been unlocked or locked with inadequate devices. i.e. cable locks.

In the past few days we have had a series of dorm burglaries that seem to correlate with more frequent reported incidents involving off-campus student acquaintances or strangers roaming the dorms. It is not unusual for theft rates to rise in the holidays season. This certainly applies to dorm and office burglaries and thefts.

### Selective Incident Summary, Nov. 1 - 30, 2001

- CPD (Claremont Police Dept.) responded to the campus following numerous complaints about loud music from a dorm. They discussed the issue with the dorm president and gained compliance.
- AT 0146 a student and her passenger reported being involved in a hit-and-run traffic accident in Upland. They said that unknown males gave them a ride to campus when they abandoned the damaged car. Officers were initially unable to find the vehicle, but later found it at another location. Later, both CPD and Highway Patrol officers interviewed the students and arrested the driver for driving

under the influence of alcohol and took her to jail.

- Well after the fact, a student reported that three male subjects had been shouting homophobic slurs and referring to sex acts outside of a dorm at 0130 hrs.
- An intoxicated female student, reportedly screaming epithets to an absent male friend at 0243 hrs., was later arrested by CPD for disorderly conduct and jailed when her behavior became uncontrollable, belligerent and threatening.
- Someone threw a fifty pound rock through the window of the Office of Student Affairs at about 0505 hrs.. No suspects.
- A female student received four prank telephone calls —a combination of “hang-ups” and male whispering late at night.
- At 2248 hrs. a fire extinguisher was discharged into a student dorm room, setting off the fire alarm.
- Officers found four off-campus male subjects near a dorm at 0012 hrs. One subject had previously been warned about trespassing. The group was escorted off campus.
- Multiple students, in groups and individually were stopped for “open container” violations on campus. All were warned — some were cited for alcohol related offenses.
- A masonry trash can/ash can was stolen from a student center.
- Loud noise complaints from city residents corresponded with numerous alcohol related incidents and offenses on a Saturday night. Partygoers were warned and the music level was reduced.
- Eight off-campus male subjects were found wandering, looking for parties at 0051 hrs. They were escorted off campus.
- RA's reported an altercation between an intoxicated student and an intoxicated off-campus male subject. Officers warned the subject who was sponsored by a student.

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- A professor reported continuing harassment. This time a vehicle tire was deflated.
- A student who pounded on someone's window to get his attention suffered minor cuts when the window broke.
- An officer found a 10 speed bike with a cable lock lying on a playing field and brought it to the station for safekeeping.
- An unlocked bike was stolen from a campus residence rack.
- A soft-top vehicle was burglarized while in a campus parking lot. The top was cut open and speakers removed.
- A student called Safety and advised that he was locked in the library at 0013 hrs. . An officer freed him.
- Officers responded to a dining hall reportedly being burglarized by four males. The reporting party gave the wrong building name, it was discovered, when dispatch checked the student's residence and found it near a different dining hall. Officers then found an open door and a cooler ajar.
- A student suffering a seizure in a dining hall was transported to the hospital for a check-up.
- A staff person detained a juvenile biker who was found damaging walls of an academic complex. The subject was interviewed by Safety officers and warned about trespassing.
- A student's laptop computer was stolen from an unlocked dorm room.
- An "in service / out of service" sign was stolen from a student center.
- Another sign was stolen from the student center.
- Residence hall staff reported a piano missing from a study center in a dorm. Officers remembered seeing a piano outside of a dining hall on an adjacent campus and advised the reporting person, who retrieved it
- An anonymous person reported students smoking marijuana in a dorm lounge. Officers found two students in a nearby room smoking the weed and identified them for a dean's report.
- A cable-locked bike was stolen from a dorm rack.
- A student's backpack with books and supplies was stolen from a campus parking lot.
- A student, trying to assist another student who was intoxicated called for help. Officers and other students assisted in getting him to his room.
- The front wheel of a bike locked to a rack was stolen.
- Staff reported a photographer taking pictures of a couple who appear to be engaging in sexual acts in an academic building courtyard. Officers were UTL.
- Officers observed one of two students passing through an academic building breeze way damage an exit sign. They were subsequently identified.
- There were many instances of skateboarders and bikers using campus planter boxes and railings for trick riding, causing extensive damage. They usually fled but sometimes were stopped and warned.
- An RA reported a dorm entry window shattered by, perhaps, a kick.
- The costumed doorkeeper at a costume party prevented a student without the requisite costume from entering. The doorkeeper brandished a whip and pushed the student back. Safety officers, the dean and CPD interviewed the subjects. No arrests.
- Staff reported that a group of six students broke a chalkboard in a restricted area during horseplay at a party and then practiced Kung Fu kicks on a suspended movie screen. There was also damage in a nearby bathroom.
- An off-campus visitor in a student's dorm room reported that 6 - 8 students, including a male with pink hair, walked by and threw objects at the room windows, breaking both, then left. Officers found a suspect beer can.
- A Safety officer checking doors found four off-campus males near a pool facility. One was inebriated and unconscious. CPD and LACFD responded and the subject was transported to a nearby hospital.
- Staff reported that exterior mirrors used for traffic safety were damaged by vandals.
- A student reported that an older couple who had been walking through campus encountered a poster advertising an upcoming "masturbation study break" and tore it down and balled it up. The student confronted them regarding freedom of speech vs. the Ten

Commandments and private property rights and salvaged part of the banner.

- A student's wallet was stolen from a dorm room. The following day, the empty wallet was found minus contents valued at \$176.
- At 1346 hrs. on Monday an intoxicated student vomited and passed out in a dorm bathroom. She was transported to the hospital.
- A vehicle ran into a campus tree after the driver lost control while accelerating from a stop sign, and hopped the curb. He then left the scene.
- A student was transported to a hospital following ingestion of at least 50 Advil pills. Safety was notified by a friend.
- An officer encountered a group of about 30 persons, many intoxicated, with open containers, who were shouting obscenities and homophobic remarks. They may have been attempting to disrupt an event in a nearby auditorium. They were advised of campus policy regarding open containers and dispersed voluntarily.
- A staff person reported the theft of a personal fan from a dining hall facility.
- A student reported the theft of an unlocked Schwinn road bike from an exterior academic building.
- Six male students reported being robbed at gunpoint in a dorm room by four black, male, age 18 - 24 males wearing gloves. Two students were also struck by the robbers but suffered only minor injuries. CPD is investigating.
- An unlocked bike was stolen from a dorm rack.
- A Safety officer noticed three white males riding a golf cart at 0114 hrs. They abandoned it and fled. It was found to belong to a nearby campus.
- A student reported that four black males somewhat fitting the description of four robbers previously mentioned, were roaming in a dorm. Safety officers did a dorm check and were UTL.
- A student reported the theft of all of her vehicle hubcaps.
- An unlocked bike was stolen from a student center bike rack.
- A female student reported receiving

multiple, unwanted phone calls from an unknown male claiming to know her.

- Administrators asked for extra patrol for a female staff person being harassed by an off-campus female.
- Two white males were seen inside a dorm selling subscriptions. Safety officers UTL.
- A housekeeper stopped an unknown male at a student center. Safety officers called CPD who arrested the subject for public intoxication.
- A group of students was reported to be attempting to steal a golf cart. A witness said the three fled but damaged the cart by stomping on it.
- A student reported four subjects who fit the description of robbery suspects, in a dorm. Safety officers stopped the subjects and notified CPD. One of the subjects was identified by a victim of the robbery but he had an alibi, per CPD, and all were released.
- At 0019 hrs. an officer observed students drinking beer from an unauthorized keg on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of a dorm. the RA was notified but students hid the keg and refused to cooperate with RA's and officers. The on-call dean responded. The keg was then found in a bathroom and the students in the room were identified. Students, in retaliation, poured beer on the Safety golf cart.
- Someone reported a group of off-campus males smoking marijuana and harassing students. Safety officers found the subjects, interviewed them, advised them of campus policies regarding intoxicating substances, escorted them off campus and notified CPD of their direction of travel.
- An officer found a vehicle with the engine running and doors locked, at 0213 hrs. CPD responded and were able to enter the vehicle to turn off the motor and secure the keys to prevent theft of the vehicle. The driver was identified and a message was left regarding the location of the keys.
- At 0347 hrs. a student reported an unknown male lying on the floor in a dorm entry area. Officers found a student and enlisted the aid of an RA to get him back to his room.
- A staff person reported a suspicious

male subject collecting cans from a dorm area, who refused to leave upon request. Safety officers responded and called CPD who interviewed the subject. He said that he was waiting for a girlfriend and collected cans meanwhile. Both then left.

- An officer observed a very intoxicated male subject on a campus street. His friend was located at a nearby party and both Citrus College students left the campus.
- At 0208 hrs. a dorm fire alarm activated. A responding officer saw a group of student-aged people running from the scene. A pull station had been activated.
- An off-campus person, driving home from work, saw three students throw objects that hit his car. He followed them to their room and called Safety officers to the scene. A Safety officer and an RA approached the room and heard the subjects, through the door, bragging about their exploits. The students were identified. All were intoxicated and there was a strong smell of marijuana in the room. The victim declined to have them arrested, saying that the cleats and sandal which hit his vehicle did little damage.
- A student received heckling, cursing phone calls from unknown persons but was able to identify the extension. Safety officers located the owner of the phone who said she put it in the dorm hallway and left it there and others in the area made the calls. They were advised to desist.
- There was a spate of calls about rats in various areas including dorm rooms. Some were caught in traps previously set.
- A student reported the theft of a handicapped parking placard from a dorm room.
- A male subject seen sitting on a gallery roof explained that "it was such a nice day" when told to get down.
- AT 0246 hrs. a female student reported an "unclothed", unruly male banging on her dorm door. Responding officers found the nude, disoriented male who, while visiting a friend in a nearby room went to the bathroom and lost his way. Appropriate consultations with an RA and others resolved the problem.
- A visitor lost control of her vehicle and

smashed into a student's parked vehicle, pushing it into another student's car. Everyone was notified.

- CPD notified the Safety office that they had received a 911 call from a campus academic building reporting someone passed out. Officers found a 12 yr. old boy conscious but dizzy. Mom was notified and responded and the boy was transported to the hospital.
- A residence hall staff person reported vandalism to a parked personal vehicle.
- A Safety officer confiscated a phony I.D. from a student at a party. The dean was advised.
- A student's parked vehicle was covered with fire extinguisher chemical powder. No damage to vehicle.
- A window of an academic building, at the entrance, was shattered, possibly by a rock found nearby.
- A Safety officer found an abandoned golf cart. It was brought to the station for safekeeping.
- A dorm room door was pried open over Thanksgiving and items valued at \$7600 were stolen.
- A professor reported a young male subject "casing" the bike rack at a library. The subject left the campus before the arrival of a Safety officer but was recognized by other staff who have seen him looking into dorm rooms and at bike racks.
- An officer smelled marijuana emanating from a tea garden. He found and identified three students under the influence. The dean was advised.
- An unlocked bicycle was stolen from a dining hall rack.
- An unlocked bike was stolen from a different dining hall courtyard.
- Paramedics, Safety officers and police responded to a report of a student "passed out and not breathing". He revived when checked by a Safety officer and, albeit under the influence of something, refused medical treatment.
- A staff person in a dining hall office reported that someone entered the office and tampered with the computer, changing things and erasing e-mail.
- Officers responded to a report of smoke

coming from an old house being moved from campus. There was a fire caused by cutting torches but workers had left. Officers extinguished the fire with extinguishers and advised LACFD.

- A cable-locked bike was stolen from a dining hall rack.
- Students reported a potential confrontation in a dorm hallway between three off-campus black male subjects, one of whom was involved in an altercation on another campus, and a student acquaintance. The subjects left before Safety officers arrived. The dean was advised.
- The window of a parked vehicle was smashed and a large yellow bath towel was stolen from inside.
- Witnesses reported two individuals vandalizing bulletin boards in a dorm. When they fled one dropped a cell phone. Later a Safety officer received a call on the dropped phone and arranged an interview with the owner. The dean was advised.

## Crime Prevention Strategies / Tips

**W**e are especially vulnerable to theft victimization during the holiday season. Apparently, thieves acquire items for gift giving, too. As always, on our campuses, the primary factor in property theft victimization is “opportunity” – “opportunity” given to thieves. For our mutual safety as well as for property protection, residence hall entry doors as well as room doors should be secured. Offices should be secured when staff are not inside. Bicycles should always be locked — ideally with a good U-lock. Don’t leave purses, backpacks, laptops, etc. in common areas at any time.

Students should make a point of taking valuables home over the long holiday break when the dorms are empty. The alternative is to lock up the most valuable items in a very secure chest, closet, etc. While Safety officers will be especially alert to potential dorm burglaries during the break, there will also be

far fewer legitimate campus citizens to report suspicious behavior.

Often, over long breaks, repair and renovation work is initiated. This sometimes compromises dorm and office security when workers are going in and out during the day — and is added reason to make appropriate arrangements for property security.

**Happy holidays !**

## November 2001 Statistics

Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Disturbance	0
Hate Incident	0
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	1
Sexual Assault	0
Other	1
Arson	0
Burglary	3
Theft from Auto	2
Theft (bike)	7
Theft from building	1
Theft (other)	2
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	2
Other	0

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