

The Claremont Colleges

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April Crime / Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

We don't seem to have trends of special significance this month. But, we do know what will have the greatest impact on crime in the month of May. And that is: Student Move-out days. Every year, when discarded property is placed in hallways, dumpsters, on street medians, etc. there is an influx of local "acquisitionists" hanging out to claim the items which still have value to them. Thieves blend in with students and families, cruising the hallways and streets. They take valuables from unlocked rooms and from hallways where property is temporarily stored or from vehicles left unsecured during loading.

It is especially important to have somebody on duty to safeguard your property when it is in transition from your room to your transport vehicle. Try to have your property packed and loaded before you turn in your key so you don't have to have your room unlocked with your property still in it. Obviously, anything you can pack and ship before the last day will reduce the chance of theft.

Even on your move-out day, though you may be gone in hours, it is important to report persons who might be cruising the

dorms, etc. looking for opportunities to steal. Safety officers will discreetly question those you report. Do not assume that all strangers are somebody's honest relative or friend.

Selective Incident Summary, April 1 — 30, 2002

- A female student reported that a white male in a pick up truck yelled homophobic remarks as she was near a street intersection.
- A student's car was "keyed" while in a campus lot.
- An unlocked bike was stolen from outside of a dining hall.
- Many students reported the theft of their bike seats. Someone found a pile of seats which were given to an RA to assist in distributing to the owners.
- An unlocked bike with a u-lock attached to it was stolen from a dorm entry area.
- Two members of different fraternities fought over possession of a paddle belonging to one fraternity. One subject suffered a bloody nose but did not want to pursue criminal charges.
- At 0215 hrs. an officer interviewed a pedestrian walking through campus who thought his vehicle "might" be parked in a campus lot. He explained to Safety and police officers that he often drives from Ontario to campus for a walk before going to his trucking job in Fontana. He was advised to leave and complied.
- A Safety officer encountered a former employee who had been banned from a campus. He was provided a copy of the "ban letter" and escorted from campus.
- Students advised that they were continually being awakened by a rooster in the morning. The bird, apparently, is resident in a student garden. The dean was notified.

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- An unlocked bike was stolen from an academic building between 1700 and 1703 hrs.
- A Safety officer stopped a suspicious male subject driving around slowly near dorms. He said he was trying to find a female student. she was contacted and said that she was to apply his makeup for a Rocky Horror Picture Show.
- A small group of students and of dining hall employees gathered in a campus quad and prepared a petition to be delivered to the President in support of dining hall worker benefits. This was to be followed by a hunger strike if negotiations were unsatisfactory.
- The front bumper of an employee's vehicle was damaged in an apparent "hit-and-run" incident in a campus lot.
- A student slipped and fell down some stairs in a dorm, injuring her back. She was transported to a hospital for treatment.
- At 0024 hrs. employees reported juveniles on top of a three story high scaffolding in front of an auditorium. Officers found 6 students from two campuses who had been drinking beer on the scaffolding. They were instructed to carefully climb down. When officers then checked the roof of the building from inside they found another intoxicated student from another campus who hung over the edge of the roof in an attempt to avoid discovery. He was pulled back up and escorted down via an interior stairway and all were identified. Officers found and disposed of 15 bottles of beer and 7 empties.
- At 0135 hrs. officers saw a male and female fleeing on a golf cart. They were stopped by an officer in a faster cart and were interviewed, identified and released. The cart was taken into custody and returned to the owner.
- A student reported the theft of a \$1,000 bike left unlocked outside of an academic building. (Twenty minute time frame.)
- A campus guest reported the theft of \$120 from inside of a wallet which had been inside of a purse that had been locked inside of a guest room.
- A vehicle in a lot was damaged by a hit-and-run" vehicle.
- An officer reported the beginning of a student hunger strike with tents set up in a campus quad as a support headquarters.
- A student turned in a bike he found in the bushes near a student center. The tire was flat and the chain was off.
- Students on a hunger strike, sleeping in tents reported being bombed with water balloons. Officers did extra patrol of the area.
- A custodian reported a suspicious male in a Physical Plant "yard" looking into utility vehicles. He fled when the custodian yelled at him. Officers were UTL.
- A student reported the theft of computer disks with stored homework and personal information, from the library.
- Students complained that a gay/lesbian support message on an expression wall had been painted over with the name of a fraternity and the statement " you can't tell us how to run our lives" with pictures of a 40 oz. beer, a notoriously symbolic sheep and a bong.
- The dean and other campus resources were notified of a student with self-inflicted cuts.
- At 2031 hrs. staff of one college reported the theft of a utility cart. Two hours later the president of another college reported the cart abandoned at his residence.
- At 2057 hrs. Safety officers released a student who had been locked in the library.
- Staff reported a fire in a fountain at 2125 hrs. Officers found rolls of toilet paper saturated with gasoline which had been ignited. The fire was extinguished.
- Officers encountered a group of six off-campus males with open containers who refused to be identified and were belligerent about being questioned. CPD responded and assisted when the subjects then fled in two vehicles. They were stopped and identified by CPD on nearby off-campus streets.
- At 0221 hrs. a cab driver reported that he responded to a call for service when two male subjects jumped out in front of his cab and began doing push-ups in the street. Officers were UTL.
- At 0750 hrs. residence hall staff reported that a male student, possibly under the influence of alcohol and other substances was alternating between a trance-like state and extreme agitation. He had injured fingers caused by

breaking two or three windows. Safety and CPD officers forcibly restrained the subject and he was transported for treatment.

- A Safety officer identified a student who threw three beer bottles from a balcony of a dorm.
- Students reported a group of unknown subjects in a dorm area who threatened to shoot them and screamed obscenities at the students. Responding officers were told that the subjects just left in a vehicle.
- At 0342 hrs. students complained of loud noise from student apartments. Officers found approximately 30 students who had been drinking alcohol in the room. They were advised to lower the music volume and disperse and complied.
- A Safety officer observed a male subject smoking marijuana in a vehicle parked on a campus street. An I.D. check revealed that the off-campus male had been banned from the campuses and previously arrested several times. He and another "banned" subject who came to the campus with him were arrested.
- A student reported the theft of his car but a parking enforcement officer remembered citing the vehicle in a lot where the student did not remember parking it. They found the vehicle and cancelled the report.
- A female student reported that another female student tried to run her over with a car. Officers and RA's found the driver who reported that a misunderstanding developed when she honked her horn and scared the victim.
- An intoxicated male student became angry when an officer and the officer's supervisor refused to pepper-spray him so he could film the event.
- At 0059 hours and officer spotted two females running nude through the campus and onto a public street. CPD was advised but were UTL.
- A student said that another student told him that an unknown male with long, black, curly hair had been jumping on the student's bike, damaging it.
- Thieves were able to enter a locked vehicle by pushing down a window left slightly open. They stole the stereo and 16 CD's.
- A student reported a friendly, pot-bellied pig in a campus theater courtyard. Officers

lassoed the pig and, with help from the grounds department, transported it to the dean's house for safekeeping.

- CPD was advised, by a student, that his car, a Saturn, had been stolen from a campus lot. A report was taken.
- An unlocked bike was stolen from a dorm exterior area.
- Officers responded to an academic building courtyard where a co-ed group of students with open containers were chanting. The group was advised of campus alcohol policy and the alcohol was poured out.
- A student's skateboard was stolen from outside of a dorm.
- An RA reported a co-ed group of 20 – 25 students with "handles" of vodka wandering around inside and outside of a dorm. Officers found a fraternity engaging in "rush week" activities and assisted them in disposing of the alcohol.
- At 0340 hrs. officers heard fireworks coming from a dorm area. Someone had reported earlier that a white male with dark hair had been seen setting off fireworks nearby.
- Staff reported a swarm of bees settled on an administrative building column about 20 – 30 feet above ground. The area was taped off until the apiarist arrived.
- Cash, clothing, CD's and other personal property belonging to two students were stolen in two or more incidents, from an unlocked room. The victims had possible suspect information which was relayed to the dean in a report.
- At 2024 hrs. someone found an unconscious male lying in a puddle of vomit in a faculty parking lot. Paramedics responded and he was transported to the hospital for treatment of the alcohol related condition.
- Three minutes later another male subject was found unconscious on a table in an outdoor area on an adjacent campus. He was unresponsive and was also transported to the hospital for emergency treatment.
- Students reported that a white male with dark hair and a black male with dark hair shot a BB through their dorm window and fled, carrying an ice chest. The dean is investigating with information about possible suspects.

- Two female students at an outlying campus location said that a middle-aged, tanned, white male driving a dark blue SUV asked them for directions then exposed himself as they approached his vehicle. CPD was advised and later reported that they apprehended someone fitting the description.
- A female student reported being harassed by a former boyfriend who initiated a spurious welfare check on her through Campus Safety.
- A student escort worker reported the theft of the golf cart he was using. Other staff saw the cart being driven off and later found it abandoned.
- An unlocked bike left in a dorm storage area was stolen.
- At 0220 hrs. an officer found an unsecured keg of beer in a parking lot. A residence hall staff person took responsibility for the item.
- A newspaper delivery person reported two golf carts being recklessly driven by 4 students. Officers found the abandoned carts. One was damaged. Securing cables of both carts had been cut.
- An off-campus relative inquired about the safety of campus personnel currently in Venezuela in view of the civil unrest. Overseas study program administrators were informed of the concern in order to facilitate communication planning for possible future events.
- A Plymouth Voyager was stolen from a campus lot between 0830 and 1120 hrs. on a Friday.
- CPD responded for a report of hit-and-run damage done to a parked car.
- An unruly "agency" actor who objected to direction also contributed to general consternation of the production crew when he brought a real gun for use as a prop. He was dropped from the cast and no further repercussions were reported. CPD was notified, "just in case".
- A female student failed to show up for a luncheon appt. and could not be found by the friend looking for her. Ultimately, RA's, deans, other-campus acquaintances and friends were activated to search. She showed up at 0006 hrs.
- When a dorm fire alarm activated, responding officer found smoke and burnt paper on the third floor. A paper posted on a board had been ignited. The responsible student was identified.
- A bike cable-locked to a dorm handrail was stolen after the cable was cut.
- A dorm fire alarm was activated by multiple instances of pulled alarm boxes. No smoke or fire.
- A surveillance officer observed two groups of males in a parking lot having some sort of altercation. Responding officers said that one group entered a dorm and the other left the area. Those in the dorm were off-campus males initially befriended by a student, but then spurned. They were advised to leave but became very uncooperative, refusing to show identification, until, finally, they fled in a vehicle at high speed.
- A student who reported the theft of his skateboard later saw it in the possession of another student and grabbed it. A fight ensued since the possessor bought it from an on-campus male subject whose name was not known. CPD and Safety officers mediated and the skateboard was returned to the purported owner in spite of some inconsistencies in the time frame of the theft and in the identification of the board. The purchaser was referred, for consultation, to the dean but was advised that an investigation would require additional information about the identify of the seller of the board.
- An RA reported that an extinguisher had been discharged in a dorm "main hall".
- A male student reported being "weirded out" by an unknown female to called him twice wanting to have "phone sex" with him.
- At 2214 hrs. a Safety officer spotted a male subject who had been banned from the campuses and detained him until CPD arrived. The subject was arrested for trespassing and for an outstanding warrant. He had been visiting friends on campus.
- A student reported that his Honda Accord was completely covered in chocolate and almond granola. Some of the substance melted and damaged the paint.

- A student reported that someone had written homophobic comments in the dust of a vehicle in a campus lot.
- A staff supervisor advised that several employees in his department had their vehicle tires slashed. Officers wrote a report.
- A \$1500 laser printer was stolen from a dorm computer room.
- An off-campus male subject banned from one campus was found attending a party on another campus. He was escorted off-campus.
- A laser printer was stolen from a campus copying center.
- A prospective student fell on a stairway cutting his head open. He was transported to the hospital by his host student for treatment.
- A male student received two phone calls from an unknown female whispering with a sexy voice saying "oh yeah". He found it annoying.
- A female employee reported receiving harassing phone calls from her fiancé's ex-girlfriend at home and at work. A restraining order will be filed.
- A keyboard mouse was stolen from an academic building.
- The front wheel and seat cover were stolen from a student's bike parked at a dorm rack
- A student's \$1200 bike, u-locked to a wrought iron fence, was stolen. The thief cut the fence strut.
- Officers, unsuccessfully, sought a group of students who, from a dorm balcony, threw beer bottles at an officer and two nearby females. The bottles broke and glass ricocheted, hitting the officer and the women.
- An officer working at a party observed a student throw a burrito at the band. He was asked to leave the campus he was visiting and complied.
- Off-campus residents complained about loud music coming from the campus. CPD units responded and issued a "first response warning" about the volume. They later came back and issued a citation and shut the party down.
- CPD officers and Safety officers who responded to a dorm living room because of a phone call reporting suspicious activity found the chemical from a discharged fire extinguisher and the extinguisher itself.
- Four white males threw trash and broke bottles in a dorm lobby then left the dorm. Officers were UTL.
- In a 23 minute period beginning at 0036 hrs., officers responded to a report of students throwing beer bottles outside of a dorm; a group of males and one female removed a fire lane bollard and rolled it toward another building; A group of intoxicated subjects with "open containers" headed from one campus to another; a male student was urinating in public and a student smoking marijuana was caught by officers and the pipe and marijuana was confiscated.
- Several intoxicated students carried a physical altercation from one campus party back to their home campus. Initially, the victims called for the police to arrest the perpetrators but changed their minds.
- Officers encountered a group of male subjects they previously interviewed several times. The subjects, ostensibly from the Univ. of LaVerne, were uncooperative and belligerent and CPD was called to assist in gaining identification and in explaining the concept of private property to them.
- Students reported being infested with bees in their apartment walls and attic. They were moved to a local hotel pending a response from fumigators.
- Officers responded to a fire alarm and found that someone had ignited a flyer on fire in a dorm hallway. The fire was extinguished but the smoke activated the alarm.
- A female student reported several personal care and makeup items missing from a dorm bathroom cabinet. Other residents said they saw three 13 – 14 yr. old females leaving the bathroom earlier.
- Officers monitoring a social event discovered two off-campus subjects smoking marijuana. They were escorted off campus.
- At 2029 hrs. a staff person from the dean's office reported that a large white male who was very intoxicated entered a dorm but refused to identify himself and refused to leave. Officers interviewed the subject and escorted him off campus.
- Officers working a social event confiscated a pipe and a sack of marijuana from a student.

- A Campus Safety officer reported that he took off his jacket with his badge on it while working a social event. When he took it back up he realized the badge had been removed and stolen. CPD took a crime report.
- An officer recognized an off-campus male subject previously escorted off campus for trespassing in a TV lounge in a student center. He was doing it again and was, again, escorted off campus.
- A student's vehicle was damaged by a hit-and-run driver in a parking lot. CPD took a report.
- A bike, cable-locked to a rack was stolen. The cable was cut.
- The on-call dean was advised of a reported sexual battery that occurred off-campus involving a male and female student.
- A student's jacket with car keys and dorm keys in the pocket was stolen from an academic building.
- A campus administrator reported that students protesting the use of college property for a new campus trespassed and disturbed the peace of the neighborhood of the administrator's residence. CPD detained and arrested some of the protestors.
- Some of the same group of student protestors mentioned previously also gathered in the area of a college president's house with signs, for a short time.
- A bike, cable-locked to a dorm rack, was stolen.
- A staff person reported someone left a Razor scooter in a museum. It was turned over to Campus Safety for safekeeping.
- About 12 students showed up for a protest rally at a president's house at 1800 hrs. and stayed for about an hour. (The president was out of town.)
- A Safety officer noticed two male subjects about 5' 5" tall wearing dark clothing pick up a bag from the ground outside of a walled in storage business next to the campus parking lot. The subjects fled in a dark Toyota Pick-up when they saw the officer. CPD and Safety officers found additional items, such as a gun lock and a bag of coins in the area and surmised that the subjects had burgled an RV on the other side of the wall and threw the items over for retrieval later. CPD confirmed later that

guns, and other personal items had been stolen from the RV.

- There were multiple instances of campus-owned golf carts being stolen and abandoned on campus, presumably by students. One cart was found, on its side, inside a fountain in the water and others were found with bent wheels and other damage. In one incident the carts were used to run down sapling trees in lawn areas.
- CPD officers responded to campus for several loud noise complaints (music) and issued warnings to staff of the dean's office.
- Campus Safety received an emergency phone activation. The responding officer discovered that the telephone receiver had been ripped out of the enclosure.
- Officers and RA's responded to the site of a party at which intoxicated students were causing a disturbance and had discharged a fire extinguisher in the area. The party was closed down.
- At 1526 hrs. on a Monday a student reported four intoxicated males in a pool area. Officers found that one of the subjects, a student, had beer in his backpack. It was disposed of and the lifeguard was warned about others with backpacks possibly having beer inside.
- At 0222 hrs. CPD received a call from a male who said his girlfriend is suicidal. Safety dispatch found the address and officers were dispatched. The woman was fine but she said that her boyfriend, who may have made the call, is extremely intoxicated.

Crime Prevention Strategies / Tips

1. Lock your room between loading trips if nobody is there to watch your property.
2. Lock your car / truck / van between trips even if you are only a short distance away.
3. Using the curb as a staging area for your property while you go back for more is

- an invitation for a thief to take the entire lot.
- 4. Thieves will steal your leased refrigerator given the opportunity — leaving you with the responsibility for replacement. Secure it until you turn it in.
- 5. Bikes and other property on vehicle rooftop carriers should be securely locked or watched at all times.
- 6. Storage areas are not very secure when many people are going in and out. Try to get your stuff out all at once.
- 7. Report suspicious activity at once.

Crimes (property)		
Arson		0
Burglary		6
Theft (From Auto)		1
Theft (Bike)		11
Theft (Building)		3
Theft (Other)		1
Grand Theft Auto		1
Trespass		2
Vandalism	5	2
Other		2
Arrests		4

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Crimes (persons)

Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
ADW	0
Disturbance	1
Hate Incident	1
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
Other	0