

The Claremont Colleges

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February Crime / Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

Clearly, we suffered more crime this month than last month or this time last year. Crimes were most frequent on the northernmost and southernmost campuses. Those two campuses combined had 25 of the total of 44 crimes reported this month. (last page) Of the 44, twenty-nine were some form of theft and, most often, were from unlocked rooms or buildings or of unsecured items in common areas. (In Feb. of last year we had 22 reported crimes, for comparison.) While illegal activity seems to have increased, patrol activity and citizen reporting have improved with a resultant arrest total of 7 for the month and many “stops” of persons involved in suspicious activity.

Our vehicle-related crime statistics (5) show an increase which, we believe, is common to the communities around us, as well.

Even though our February statistics doubled compared to last year, if we compare a wider time block — Nov., Dec., Jan. and Feb. from the previous year to the same months this year we see only an increase of 12 crimes and it looks as if March of this year will be about on a par with March of last year, so far.

Selective Incident Summary February 1 – 28, 2002

- A residence hall staff person requested assistance in removing argumentative persons from a dorm at 0234 hrs. One student initially refused to comply until Safety officers arrived.
- An unlocked mountain bike was stolen from an exterior dorm 2nd floor stairwell.
- An RA’s car was “keyed” while parked in the dorm lot.
- An employee reported “hit-and-run” damage to her parked vehicle. CPD took a report.
- An intoxicated, belligerent female student, passing in and out of consciousness was restrained on a gurney and transported to a hospital for treatment.
- A student’s wallet was stolen from his unlocked dorm room while he was sleeping.
- Staff reported the illegal entry into a faculty office where someone used a computer to gain access to pornography. A report was taken.
- Clothing and alcohol items were stolen from a student’s dorm room. The thief entered through a window.
- Officers doing extra patrol of a faculty office stopped a male subject who had previously been stopped and subsequently arrested for downloading “kiddie porn” from campus computers. He was in possession of both porn and college keys and was arrested again.
- Approximately eight thousand dollars of personal property was stolen from a locked storage room in a dorm basement. The items were owned by two students. The method of entry is unknown since there is no sign of forced entry.
- Three additional students on the same campus as the previous entry reported the theft of items from dorm rooms and lounges.

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- A passerby reported seeing two Hispanic males with shaved heads trying to break a bike lock with a crowbar. They fled in a white Pontiac Grand Am with a pop-up roof when they saw that they were being observed. The bike was slightly damaged.
- The face plate of a car stereo was stolen. Entry was through a smashed window .
- Someone attempted to steal a broken-down vehicle by forcing the window and tampering with the ignition. The thieves couldn't start it either.
- A student's skateboard was stolen from outside of a dorm room.
- A female student reported an off-campus male who had "hit on" her. Safety officers found him and another male doing illegal soliciting. "Don Juan" refused to cooperate in identifying himself until CPD assisted. They found he was wanted on an outstanding warrant and he was taken into custody. The other solicitor was warned about trespassing.
- A staff person reported juveniles from two vehicles unloading BMX bikes in a campus lot. Officers contacted them but they were uncooperative, fleeing on their bikes. They eventually, left the campus.
- A Safety officer saw about eight students on an orange utility cart, which they then abandoned.
- A bike, locked to a dorm rack, was stolen.
- A student's vehicle was entered by jimmying the door lock. A radar detector, as well as other equipment, was stolen.
- A female student reported receiving an angry, threatening, message from a fast-talking, unidentified male caller, at 2210 hrs.
- Thieves pried an Accord door lock and took the stereo, CD's and other personal property.
- Officers observed two female solicitors asking for money. They were advised of campus policy and left.
- A cable-locked bike was stolen from an academic building rack.
- Several female students reported being confronted and harassed, again, by several male students who had been prohibited from such activity by a J-Board. The dean was advised.
- A female student reported receiving three harassing phone calls.
- A student reported a bike valued at \$2000 stolen from a dorm. However, a dean found the bike in a parking lot a day later and secured it.
- Suspicious male subjects in a parking lot, reported by a student, were contacted by Safety officers but the subjects were uncooperative and fled. They were then stopped by CPD on campus and were identified and warned about trespassing.
- Students in two dorm rooms heard something hit their windows at 2215 hrs. and discovered holes caused by BB's.
- Staff reported 50 — 75 cheerleaders and photographers in a "quad" and up in the trees without permission. Responding officers found the group to be moving off-campus.
- Dorm-owned stereo equipment and a DVD were stolen from a dorm cabinet.
- Birthday cake candles activated a fire alarm on the 6th floor of a dorm causing evacuation of the building at 0022 hrs. The alarm was reset but the elevator alarm developed a problem which caused a delay of about an hour to accomplish a system reset.
- Officers responding to a fire alarm in a dorm found that a custodian had smelled the smoke and extinguished a fire which had started in an unoccupied student's room. Apparently, the stereo system overheated, igniting the fire. The student was relocated pending renovation of the room.
- Staff in a facilities office reported receiving annoying, "nonsense" calls from males and females from a known number, however attempts to call back were blocked.
- A dean reported a male solicitor on campus. Officers stopped one of two solicitors, determining that the other, by description, was the one spotted by the dean. However, the 1st subject was identified and escorted toward his car while the 2nd subject was sought. CPD responded to assist in identifying the 2nd subject who did not have I.D. when he was found. Meanwhile, the 1st subject was found to have an outstanding warrant and was arrested. The second subject was warned about trespassing and left the campus.
- Staff reported students on a dorm roof. Another student was seen videotaping the adventure. They were advised to get off of the roof.

- From a distance, a Safety officer and a pizza delivery driver saw students igniting fireworks from a 2nd floor dorm balcony.
- A student's bike was stolen from the hand rail outside of a dorm, where it had been locked.
- The vehicles of a student and a Claremont resident collided at the intersection of Dartmouth and Foothill Blvd. No injuries. One vehicle was disabled and towed.
- A bike cable-locked to itself was stolen from an academic building rack.
- A BB gun was confiscated from a male student who was seen using the gun on a soccer field.
- Students reported very loud music from an adjoining campus at 1903 hrs. Residence hall staff were advised but, later, Safety officers had to make contact to assure noise reduction.
- Twenty minutes after the previous entry students reported that a male subject took the laptop computer being used to play music and was being chased by other students. The students caught the subject in a parking lot and recovered the computer. The subject who took the computer was the boyfriend of a student on an adjoining campus. He said he took the computer to stop the loud music. The computer owner declined to "press charges" but the suspect was escorted off campus and subsequently, was banned from both campuses involved.
- An officer spotted a fire in a Greek theater fire pit and interviewed 6 subjects there. They were local high school students who were advised about trespassing and fire policy on campus and were escorted off campus.
- At 0312 students reported a fight in a dorm suite. Four off-campus subjects tried to steal a keg from a private party and were stopped by students. The students were battered by the off-campus males before they fled. Injuries were minor and the students declined medical attention or a criminal report. All subjects involved had been drinking alcohol.
- A former employee whose employment had been terminated and who was banned from campus, returned. He told officers that he was waiting for a female employee to give her some candy. The campus did not have anybody by the name given and he was escorted off campus.
- Two female students reported seeing a white male, approx. age 60 with short grey hair standing outside of a vehicle holding a blue sport bag over his penis. He was naked from the waist down. Officers were UTL.
- A female student reported that a white male subject, about age 20 — 30, whistled at her. She looked and saw that he was naked and masturbating, standing next to a maroon Honda. She reported the incident but the subject was gone before officers arrived.
- CPD responded to the campus after repeated complaints about noise and warned two dorm residents that their party was going to be shut down if the music level did not abate.
- A female student received a sexually explicit, nasty comment on her white board.
- At 0250 hrs. a female student encountered two white male subjects who asked her where the admissions office was. They displayed a female student's I.D. and attached keys, which, they said, she had given them. They asked if the student could direct them to the dorm of the female on the I.D. The reporting party called Campus Safety on a cell phone. Officers found and began checking the two subjects but they fled when asked about the keys. CPD officers responded and chased the subjects when Safety officers "flushed them" out of a dorm. The subjects fled to the baseball field dugout area where they were apprehended by CPD and were arrested for evading and resisting police officers. They told the CPD that they were USC fraternity members here for a party.
- Officers were assigned special duty to monitor student protest activity involving the Bernard Field Station. A group of students marched to an administration building and scaled a 2nd floor balcony using a hidden ladder, where they hung a banner and attempted to enter the building, which had been secured.
- A fire alarm activated when a black plastic window covering came into contact with a light bulb, resulting in smoke and an odor of burning.
- A student said he was battered by the parent of another student. Officers spoke to the parent who said intoxicated students were shouting obscenities as they passed, in the presence of a small child, and became confrontational when he asked them to stop. There was pushing and shoving but neither side wanted criminal action and the parent declined to be identified.

- Several students and an off-campus guest were involved in a traveling series of altercations, but witnesses said that the guest, who has a history of being in the “thick of things”, was not the instigator. All of the parties involved had been drinking alcohol. They were advised to go to the host’s room and stay there for the remainder of the night.
- Students in a suite above and near a party site reported, at 0111 hrs., that their suite piano bench, arm chair, sofa, carpet and a cinder block were thrown off of the balcony and some of the items were smashed below on the courtyard floor.
- At 0136 hrs. officers discovered ten students in a pool. They were advised to leave and complied.
- Five off-campus, intoxicated males who had been at a party entered several students’ rooms and, somehow, poured vodka onto a computer. The computer recovered and the victim did not wish to press charges. The subjects, one of whom said he was from USC, were gone before officers arrived.
- A \$350 monitor was stolen from a duplicating room.
- A stereo receiver and line splitter were stolen from a cabinet in an academic building.
- A student’s CPU, valued at \$2500, was stolen from a dorm lounge.
- An officer stopped two female and two male students carrying a sofa outside of a dorm. The students’ identifications were confirmed by a roster check, except for “Vladimir Lenin”, and the sofa belonged to one of them.
- A student was locked inside of a dorm bathroom over two hours because of a faulty lock. Officers could not open the door. Eventually, the student crawled out of the window at 0200 hrs.
- A Nike jacket was stolen from an employee cloak room at a dining hall.
- Staff reported the theft of stereo speakers valued at \$1200 from a campus theater.
- A former boyfriend left threatening messages for a female student on both voice mail and e-mail. CPD took a report.
- A female student was threatened by a former student from one of the campuses who had been banned from the campus. He pounded on her car window while she was in the vehicle. The deans and CPD were advised.
- Female students reported being very offended by obscene, misogynous, spray painted messages and depictions of phalluses on an expression wall.
- Custodial staff reported that a male and female subject were wandering on campus at 0911 hrs. looking at a bike, then one of them picked up a skateboard when they saw the employee, and they fled in a white Honda.
- A student’s Honda Civic was stolen from a campus lot and was recovered in San Bernardino, next to a building, with the doors open and the engine running.
- A bike valued at \$870 locked to a dorm rack was stolen after the Gregg U-Lock was cut in half.
- A student’s unlocked bike was stolen from a dorm rack.
- At 2350 hrs. a Safety officer saw a group of naked men running through a dorm, heading for an adjacent campus.
- A Safety officer found a 21 speed, blue mountain bike with part of a U-lock and turned it in for safekeeping.
- A student confronted an “older” Hispanic male subject with a backpack in a dorm lounge at 0614 hrs. and called Campus Safety. The subject told the student that he was looking for a soda machine. Safety officers caught up to the subject on an adjoining campus and consulted with CPD. He was found to have a “no bail warrant” for burglary and was in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia for marijuana and methamphetamine and was arrested. In the “booking” process the subject was found to have a female student’s campus I.D. which she, later, said she lost on campus.
- Library staff reported the theft of quarters from a restroom dispensing machine, which had been forced open.
- A custodian reported a suspicious white male carrying a black backpack who had been seen on all three floors of an academic building in the last three days. He left before Safety officers arrived. Later in the same day, another staff person reported the same suspicious male in the same building. Safety officers arrived in time to see him enter a red Pontiac Grand Am and leave the campus. A Safety officer followed in a dept. vehicle and notified CPD who stopped the suspect in Montclair, near the mall. He was identified as a person who had previously been

arrested for burglary, in 1997, on campus and he was now in possession of stolen backpacks from the building in which he was seen. The suspect was arrested for possession of stolen property and for a suspended drivers license. He also had a set of campus keys from another department which had been burglarized weeks before.

- A female student reported a series of annoying, beeping calls over a two day period.
- A male citizen reported seeing a white male age 45 – 50, medium build, brown hair walking south on College Ave wearing a sweat shirt but no pants while fondling himself. The subject was gone before Safety and CPD officers arrived.
- At 0136 hrs. on a Friday morning Safety officers were advised of an impending fight, with about 30 intoxicated students from one campus heading to an adjoining campus for an expected confrontation. Officers began stopping arriving students in groups on the destination campus, but their actions were apparently anticipated by students on the visited campus who quickly melded into the gathering and multiple, fractious conversations quickly led to a punching, pushing, shoving “rumble” with a few Safety officers attempting to stop many small fighting groups simultaneously. Two students were pepper-sprayed and CPD officers in-force responded to assist in cordoning off the belligerent groups, who seemed to be associated with competitive basketball and football athletic teams. One student was arrested for “incitement”, in front of the police, when the fracas was almost subdued.
- A student reported that her credit cards and license were stolen out of her purse while on a dance floor off campus. A courtesy crime report was taken for the West Hollywood Police.
- Two male students, seen damaging building signs were stopped and identified. They also uprooted a sign and damaged a planter. The dean was advised.
- A bamboo chest placed on top of a heater resulted in smoke and an activation of the student residence fire alarm.
- Video games, a laptop computer, a camera and other property were stolen from an unlocked dorm room between 0400 and 0900 on a Saturday.

- The door lock of a vehicle parked in a campus lot was “punched” in an apparent attempt to enter the vehicle, but no further damage or theft occurred.
- An Asian female student discovered that a large swastika in black permanent marker had been drawn upon her vehicle hood while it was parked in a campus lot. CPD took a hate crime report.
- Groups of male athletes (lacrosse?) from different campuses argued and confronted each other inside and outside of a dining hall. The responding officer said there was no physical contact and that this incident was a carry-over from a confrontation days ago.
- A Safety officer observed four white and Hispanic females bend a screen and open a dorm window from outside at 2328 hrs. They fled upon seeing the officer. An RA was contacted to secure the window.
- A student reported a black male in a black sweatshirt tampering with bikes outside of a dorm at 0023 hrs. Safety officers were UTL.
- An officer observed that someone discharged a fire extinguisher in a dorm basement.
- At 0130 hrs. an officer reported 15–20 nude male and female students running through a campus quad. They then entered the pool. RA’s were on the scene to secure the facility.
- A male subject claiming to be a student at one of the consortium colleges (but wasn’t) stole jewelry, cash and a camera from the room of a female student where he was a guest after a party.
- A female student reported continued annoying harassment from a former student who seems obsessed with her in spite of intervention by Safety and police officers in warning him away.
- A wooden trash receptacle was vandalized by graffiti.
- A bike locked to a dorm trellis with a U-lock was stolen.
- Officers contacted a transient male subject on a playing field. CPD was notified and the subject was identified and warned about trespassing.
- An off-campus boyfriend slapped a female student. Safety and CPD officers responded but no criminal charges were filed. The subject was later banned from the campus.

- A video camera valued at \$2000 and a bank card were stolen from a locked dorm room, but the adjoining bathroom may not have been locked. The card was used to make an unauthorized purchase in Tijuana.
- A student reported that another student just broke into his bathroom through the window. He apologized, saying that he was trying to break into the dining hall window next door. Safety officers were UTL but custodians reported three students fleeing from the dining hall a few minutes later.
- A passerby saw an SUV back into a motorcycle, knocking it down and causing damage, then leave. The reporting party later found the offending vehicle and obtained identifying information which was divulged to CPD and the owner of the motorcycle.
- A female student reported that another female student verbally assaulted and physically battered her and threatened to kill her. The dean was advised. No criminal charges were filed at the time of the report.
- An employee reported possible vandalism consisting of ketchup splattered on a parked vehicle.
- A female student reported that a white male subject, about age 20, got her attention in a parking lot and she saw that he was naked and masturbating. He then left in a red car.
- A female student reported a naked white male fondling himself in a lot as she walked by. She quickly ran to a phone and reported the incident. Safety officers responded and notified CPD. Enroute to the campus, CPD officers spotted the suspect's red car and stopped him in The Village wearing only underwear. The reporting student and another student/witness from a previous day identified the suspect. The suspect, a LaVerne resident, was arrested for indecent exposure and for not registering as a sex offender in the City of Claremont.
- Two students from different campuses collided in their vehicles on a city street running through campus. One vehicle ended up in a hedge and both were moderately damaged but nobody was seriously injured.

Crime Prevention Strategies/Tips

There is always something new being developed to fight crime. Technology is great and many devices, alarms, etc. work. Most of our (theft) problems, however, arise from a failure to take reasonable, common precautions. If most of us would act upon the knowledge that **there are always thieves among us looking for opportunities to steal**, (and there are) our natural, common sense precautions would result in a major reduction of theft losses. Couple that with conscientious and rapid reporting of suspicious activity, and a drop in crime would soon be evident.

February '02 Statistics

Crimes (persons)

Annoying Call	1
Assault	0
ADW	0
Disturbance	1
Hate Incident	2
Indecent Exposure	3
Prowling	0

Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
Other	2

Crimes (property)

Arson	0
Burglary	10
Theft (From Auto)	3
Theft (Bike)	5
Theft (Building)	7
Theft (Other)	2
Grand Theft Auto	2
Trespass	2
Vandalism	2
Other	2

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