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January Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

A cursory analysis of over-the-“break” crime experience (namely, burglaries and thefts) and “stops”/arrests made by officers, plus citizen reports of suspicious activity, confirms what we have known all along: That a very diverse, probably local, criminal population segment preys on us. No doubt, the opportunities seem enticing.

Including incidents going into the first week of February, we have had a series of dorms and offices entered with no force. Citizens have seen and reported suspicious persons leaving the scenes of thefts/attempts. Several cars have been “violated” in burglaries or grand theft attempts.

There is no thief profile we can use. Thieves and suspects have run the gamut of young white/black/Hispanic to middle-aged, bearded, chubby, short and tall. Other intruders into our sanctuary are, well . . . , perverts. One white male downloaded pornography from an office computer (and was caught by Campus Safety when he returned in early February) and the other displayed himself nude, behaving unspeakably.

The miscreants have shown a variety of criminal skills in entering buildings and cars and some seem to have access to campus keys.

The point? We need to take safety and security seriously regardless of our serene ambiance.

Selective Incident Summary, Jan. 1st — 31st, 2002

During the winter break an academic office and studios were burglarized. Computer equipment, photo equipment and power tools valued at over \$ 10,000 were stolen. Doors and cabinets were forced open with a prying tool.

A construction worker reported the theft of a large amount of cable from a construction site.

A female student reported continued unwanted attentions and harassment from a male student.

a cable-locked bike was stolen from outside of a student apartment.

There were multiple instances of illicit skateboarders and BMX bikers on campus property. Most were male juveniles. Some were stopped and interviewed some fled.

Students having a water balloon fight in a dorm shorted out a fire alarm pull station, activating the alarm.

A vehicle in a student lot was burglarized over the break. Military clothing and equipment valued at \$2000 was stolen.

A Safety officer observed a white male subject attempting to take a bicycle from an administrative building parking lot at 0150 hrs. The subject fled in a vehicle, leaving the bike with a missing front wheel in the lot. The bike was stored for safekeeping at Campus Safety.

Grounds staff reported the theft of a potted Chamaedora Seifrizii ten feet tall and weighing about 500 lbs., from a pool area. The

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rare ornamental palm was valued at \$1600.

At 1916 hrs. on a Thursday a student reported an older white male running around between dorms with no clothes on. Officers were UTL.

Officers checking an administrative building during the break found three off-campus subjects using a music room. One of the subjects had been banned from campus for multiple harassment and battering offenses against a female student, and was arrested for trespassing.

Officers stopped a young, black, male subject about 5'4" on a bike who was wending through dorm areas. He said he was a student but couldn't name the college he attended. He fled on the bike and officers were UTL. On the following day the same subject was spotted with a backpack. He was stopped by responding CPD officers and identified. The subject, on parole for a burglary conviction, was warned to stay away from the campuses.

An officer stopped a student driving a car erratically on a pedestrian mall on campus at 0111 hrs. He was warned about the offense and about registering his vehicle.

The Safety office received complaints about loud music from a student apartment starting at 2257 hrs. The noise fluctuated with the arrival and departure of Safety officers and was not resolved until CPD responded at 0254 hrs. when the music and apt. lights, both, were suppressed.

A student reported the theft of a bike from a department studio within the same time frame as that of burglaries from different parts of the same building.

A student reported the theft and use of checks stolen from a dorm room. The account had been closed but local businesses still accepted some of the checks for payment. CPD took a report.

A former employee, visiting campus, was injured in a skateboard accident and was transported to PVHMC for a shoulder injury.

A small amount of marijuana was found by a custodian in a vacant dorm room. It was turned over to CPD.

A student reported the theft of a campus long-distance phone card with resultant charges on the student account.

CPD reported that they have a human

skull at the station, should one be reported missing. It appears to be from a medical or science facility.

After a student reported the theft of computer equipment from a locked storage room, a Safety officer talked to a staff person who had seen a white male about age 40 with a thick beard, carrying a gray backpack from the storage area in the early morning. The same staff person saw the same person in the area an hour and a half later. This time the subject hurriedly got into an orange van and quickly drove away.

Grounds staff reported 15 skateboarders at a campus facility. Safety officers talked to the group who said that they were not skateboarding but rather, were viewing a building stairway that is in a skateboarding video. The subjects were advised of campus policy and departed.

Safety officers and CPD officers responded to interview subjects involved in a physical altercation in a campus parking lot. A student reported that a male student from Occidental attending a party here may have, in a fit of jealousy, battered a female Oxy student and pushed the reporting student as he departed. The boyfriend of the reporting student accosted the other male outside and a scuffle ensued. Safety officers and CPD officers interviewed all of the involved subjects, including the alleged battering victim, who denied any physical interaction with her boyfriend. No charges were filed. All of the subjects involved had been drinking alcohol.

A female student reported a white male pounding on her exterior dorm window at 0204 hrs. Officers found the intoxicated male student who said he was looking for a friend. He returned to his own campus. Twenty minutes later he returned and got into a courtyard where officers found him lying down. He was escorted back to his campus and a report was written.

An officer saw a male subject illustrating a dorm wall at 0238 hours. He was identified as a student but did not have permission for the illustrating. The responding RA handled the incident.

A student reported the theft of a couch, skateboard, lacrosse equipment and other items from inside and outside of a dorm room over the "break".

A vehicle license plate was stolen from a car parked near a dorm.

A wallet, lost in "The Village" was turned-in to Campus Safety by CPD and subsequently returned to the student-owner.

A staff person reported minor damage to a vehicle and the removal of manufacturer emblems from the vehicle.

A professor is missing a purple, 3-speed bike with a front basket. If found, contact Campus Safety. [012302/entry42]

A student's bike was stolen from inside of his locked dorm room where it had been chained to the bed. No sign of forced entry.

Another couch was reportedly stolen over the break, from a dorm on another campus.

A student reported spray-painted graffiti applied to a dorm wall which read "Brothers and Sister for life", preceded by a cross or "plus" sign.

A cable-locked bike was stolen from an outside dorm rack over a one day period.

A black tote and a boom box were stolen from a locked dorm room over the "break".

A female student said a male subject in a reddish or maroon vehicle made a point of positioning his vehicle near her vehicle and when she exited, going to a dorm, at 1930 hrs., he whistled. When she turned toward the whistle she noticed that he was completely nude and masturbating, standing outside of his vehicle.. The subject is a white male, about 25 to 30 yrs. old, at about 6' 1" with a hairy chest. A crime report was written.

An RA reported students on the roof of a dorm throwing tiles off. A responding officer found one tile but the students were gone.

The dean's office reported the theft of television cable boxes, valued at \$200 stolen from two dorm lounges over the break.

At 0017 hrs. a dorm fire alarm was activated. Officers found a "pulled box" but no fire.

After a party, an adjacent dorm room door was found kicked in and the resident was not in-residence yet. The carpenter shop was notified to secure the door.

A four foot by ten foot dining hall window pane was shattered overnight, apparently, by

vandals.

At 2254 an officer observed a group of people throwing bottles in a dorm quad. He was informed that the person responsible for the bottle throwing was the DJ at the party and that the involved persons were leaving.

An RA reported an unconscious male student suffering alcohol poisoning. The subject recovered enough to refuse medical treatment by responding paramedics and was watched, thereafter, by an RA.

At 2318 hrs. an officer saw students throwing things from the roof of a forum building. They were interviewed by the officer and got off the building.

A student reported a large group in a dorm courtyard throwing and breaking things. The group dispersed before officers arrived. They found a dorm entrance door window panel kicked out and notified maintenance to effect repairs.

An RA reported a fight at student apartments. One of the two fighting male students fled before officers arrived, but returned later. The other suffered face injuries and bruises. CPD officers responded and interviewed the combatants and witnesses who said that the fight started when some students tried to eject another from a private party. They had been drinking alcohol. No criminal charges were filed. The injured student was transported to the hospital by a friend.

At 1731 hrs. an RA saw 4 males and a female spraying paint on a tree and igniting the spray. She questioned their intelligence and they made a comment and left.

A student reported that someone got her I.D. card and used it to spend \$120 of her "flex dollars" at campus food sources and a campus store. A police report was filed.

Crime Prevention Tips/Strategies

Call Campus Safety immediately, when you observe suspicious behavior. (someone peering into multiple car windows; trying doors of different buildings; carrying equipment, etc. out of buildings at odd hours; trying to hide; wandering aimlessly; checking bike racks, etc.)

Secure office and room doors and windows upon exiting or when sleeping.

Lock your valuables away if social activity is happening in your area.

Do a frequent inventory of keys for which you have responsibility. Report any that are missing so locks can be changed.

Get a good u-lock for your bike and lock frame, wheel and rack together with it. Every time.

Don't allow "follow-throughs" when you use your key or card to enter a building unless you are certain of their legitimacy.

Talk to strangers in your area. Find out if you can help them find something. If the response is "cagey" Call Campus Safety ASAP.

A reminder: Call **Campus Safety at 7-2000** for all emergencies and for crime reports. If the police, paramedics or fire dept. are needed, Campus Safety will get them to you fast, with a Campus Safety response as well.

January 2002 Crime Statistics

Crimes (persons)

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

Crimes (property)

Arson	0
Burglary	9
Theft (From Auto)	2
Theft (Bike)	2
Theft (Building)	3
Theft (Other)	2
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	1
Vandalism	2
Other	0

2 bike thefts are tabulated in the "Burglary" section.

If you notice an offense in the "blotter" section but do not see a corresponding statistic here, it is because no official crime report was written per the wishes of the victim. Therefore, it is not counted as a crime. (exception: sex crimes and hate crimes)

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