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## November 2002 Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and analysis

**D**orm rooms have been particularly vulnerable to theft recently. In most of the burglaries, rooms were left unsecured. However, Campus safety did catch two quite prolific burglars in the act this month. Still, if rooms are left unlocked with laptops, cash, CD's, etc. inside there will be thieves who will recognize the opportunities, no matter how many we catch. The burglars we caught had loot from three or more victims from two or more dorms in just one night's work.

There has also been an upturn in vehicle related thefts — both in theft from cars (8) as well as in thefts of vehicles (3). The cars that were burglarized have been entered via smashed windows. We don't know how entry was gained in the theft of the vehicles since we have no recovery information.

Bicycle theft, as usual, continues to be a significant problem (10). Most bikes were either unlocked or locked with cable locks that are easily defeated.

### Selective Incident Summary, Nov. 1 — 30, 2002

- Officers responded to a parking lot for a

reported fight among a large group of students. A student from one campus confronted a student from another campus in the company of off-campus guests about a stereo theft from a private party which the off-campus persons had attended. They denied the charge and the accuser went back to his campus to get back-up and returned with a group of fellow students and they all got into a verbal exchange in the parking lot. RA's responded and officers looked into the vehicle trunk of the accused subjects and did not see the stereo. No report was taken because of the reluctance of the accuser, an intoxicated minor, to make contact with the police. Later, a report was completed and different probable suspects were discovered.

- A staff person reported a vehicle in a parking lot with two flat, possibly slashed, tires. The staff owner of the vehicle was identified but no further information was divulged.
- A student reported the burglary of 2 CD players, a laptop and clothing from a dorm room.
- A female officer on a special assignment reported seeing a male student "mooning" someone nearby. The subject was advised to stop doing that.
- At 2135 hrs. an officer encountered an obnoxious student with an open container of alcohol in public, refusing to dispose of it. He was identified and reported to the dean.
- An officer working at a party confiscated 2 bags of marijuana from an off-campus party attendee. CPD responded and issued a citation and escorted the subject off campus.
- A student reported the burglary of a stereo receiver, keyboard and mouse as well as a "mini" disc player from an unlocked dorm room. A friend saw some possible suspects relating this incident to two previously mentioned in this "blotter".

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- At 2341 hrs. an officer detected the odor of marijuana at a social event. He identified two female students with a pipe and four males from a different campus with the odor of marijuana on their clothing and breath.
- A student's backpack containing a laptop computer and a pool cue were taken from a game room between 0010 and 0030 hrs.
- An officer found a utility vehicle in mid-campus with a group of students around it. They left the area at the approach of the officer and the cart was returned to the facilities dept. of the adjoining campus.
- Officers responding to a report of intruders in a construction site found and identified two students. They were advised to leave and complied.
- A student reported that his dorm room window was broken by an unknown object between 0200 and 0500 hrs.
- Staff reported damage to two golf carts overnight. Someone saw two college-aged males, who fled, near the carts the previous night.
- A staff person reported that a sign was ripped off of a faculty residence.
- A dean reported a student from another campus as being unresponsive and very intoxicated at a social event. Officers found the subject to be responsive enough to be uncooperative and combative. He was strapped to a gurney and transported to a hospital for treatment.
- At 2251 hrs. a dorm fire alarm activated. A dean found two pull stations activated. Officers reset the stations and the system. This was the second false alarm in a few minutes in different dorms.
- At 2254 hrs. a dean reported a female student with alcohol poisoning. She was transported to the hospital.
- On the same night as the previous three incidents CPD arrived on campus to shut down a party.
- Two more students were found in the closed construction site. They were identified and released.
- A student reported a group of males with shaved heads, wearing t-shirts sitting on benches in a dorm quad area, intimidating students who walk by. Officers found the subjects leaving campus on foot heading to a house party.
- An intoxicated male subject who wandered into a campus center building had no ID. CPD knew the subject and escorted him off campus.
- Another intoxicated female was reported at 0058 hrs. LACFD paramedics responded but the subject was sufficiently in control to preclude transportation for medical care.
- At the same time as the previous entry, another female in a different dorm was unconscious due to overindulgence in alcohol and was transported to the hospital.
- A student reported that two males jumped a wall around a dorm. Officers found scuff marks on the wall and an unlocked sliding door into the dorm. With an RA officers checked the dorm interior but were UTL (unable to locate) the subjects.
- Officers found an inebriated graduate student looking for a party on an undergraduate campus. He was also belligerent, uncooperative and argumentative but officers managed to escort him to his apartment at 0303 hrs.
- At 2115 hrs. a student reported the sound of fighting outside of a dorm room. Officers talked to a female student who said her off-campus boyfriend, who left, had battered her off-campus. CPD responded and she was referred to the city police where the incident happened. Appropriate deans responded. The batterer was banned from all of the consortium colleges.
- Two students called Campus Safety and advised that they were locked inside the library at 0011 hrs. Officers released them.
- CPD responded to take a report of a hit-and-run accident. A vehicle parked in a lot suffered major damage from an unknown vehicle.
- An RA reported a white male in a white Chevrolet driving around the campus harassing students. He was last seen heading west, off campus.
- An officer working at a social event saw a male student body slamming a wall causing dents and holes in the wall in more than one place. The subject was identified and the dean was informed.

- A female student reported a nude white male about 5'7" standing next to a car in a science building lot. Safety and CPD officer responded. A CPD officer saw the subject boldly urinating near an archery range in plain view but she was stuck in traffic and could not get to him.
- A student reported that the previous night he returned to his car in a lot and found two young males going through his van rifling the glove box. they pulled out some papers but took nothing. They then fled on razor scooters.
- A vehicle was found in a lot with the side window broken and CD's stolen. There were scratch marks on the outside body and the window molding was broken. A vehicle burglary report was written.
- A student complained about being denied admission to a party by a Safety officer. The officer explained that the subject had knocked her to the ground at a previous event and had also "mooned" her or someone near her. The incidents were forwarded for action to the dean.
- A student reported that his backpack was stolen from a stairwell near a party location. A staff person saw two male subjects with the pack earlier. They told him they had found it and were returning it to the owner. Total loss approx. \$820 plus George Clinton concert tickets.
- A student said her vehicle was broken into and the glove compartment was rifled. Nothing was stolen.
- An officer reported a broken light standard shade on a walkway. It appeared as if a trash can had been thrown at it.
- A college parking permit was stolen from a parked car.
- CPD officers responded to retrieve a stolen banner which, they discovered, was hanging in a student's room. An RA and a dean assisted in the recovery.
- Officers assisted in extricating a student from a student center restroom. Both the inside and outside handles were missing.
- A party organizer advised that they were unable to contract with a professional "server" and, therefore, converted the event to "non-alcoholic" and did not need a Safety officer after all.
- A Safety officer requested an escort for a "falling-down" inebriated graduate student attending a party at an undergraduate dorm. The subject was taken back to his apartment.
- At 0200 hrs. an officer advised that he was in contact with an extremely inebriated student who needed a ride back to his dorm. An RA was contacted to assist and the subject was transported. He vomited all over himself in the process.
- Several students called at 0302 hrs. and complained about (illegal) fireworks in the area of a dorm quad. Although the dorm from which the fireworks were ignited is known, the perpetrators were not identified.
- A large tree toppled onto a city street at 0349 hrs.. The root mass heaved a sidewalk up and broke a gas line to a college building. CPD, LACFD, the Gas Co. and a facilities manager were notified and city crews were activated to remove the tree. The gas was sealed approx. 3 hrs. later.
- Another two trees and many tree branches fell (during rains) Campus crews handled the dispositions.
- Officers responding to an alarmed grounds dept. enclosure found a wooden door kicked down and broken. Grounds staff were notified of the damage.
- A student reported the theft of a purse with cash, cards and keys in it. Facilities staff were notified to deactivate a card key and to change locks. The purse, and contents, except for the cash, was found a day later.
- Students reported the sound of fireworks at 0136 hrs. Officers were UTL.
- Safety officers were advised by CPD to be on the lookout for 5 Hispanic males seen jumping the wall to a campus children's school with spray paint cans. The area was checked by CPD and Safety officers and no vandalism was detected.
- Another large tree fell, blocking pedestrian traffic. Campus crews handled the situation.
- A student's bicycle, locked to a rack, was knocked over and the wheel was bent by someone stepping on it.
- A student returned to his room following a bee sting suffered while swimming. He had

an allergic reaction and labored breathing. He was transported to Dr.'s Hospital for treatment.

- A student's cable-locked bike was stolen from a theater building. The cut cable was left at the scene.
- A Sega Game System, wallet and other items were stolen from an unlocked dorm room.
- CPD responded for a report of battery of a female by a male, both off-campus students. The altercation happened in a vehicle on-campus but the victim declined a crime report. Appropriate counseling regarding criminal justice resources was provided and campus authorities were notified.
- An employee reported an illicit solicitor near a campus building. Officers were UTL.
- Numerous noise complaints from off and on campus finally culminated with a party being terminated 43 minutes later.
- LACFD responded to the Safety office for a mysterious smell of something burning. A fireman discovered a faulty wall outlet and disconnected it. Maintenance was notified.
- A student standing on a large art project in a studio fell and suffered a head injury. Paramedics responded and the student was transported to Doctors Hospital.
- CPD advised that a student-owned vehicle at an outlying campus had been burglarized and they took a report on it.
- An employee reported four apparent auto burglaries in a student/staff lot. CPD responded but were unable to lift prints. the vehicle side windows were smashed to gain entry and stereos, CD's and other items were stolen. One stereo was removed but abandoned on the front seat of the vehicle. Some other removed items were found on the ground nearby.
- A student reported two males in a "heated" argument in a parking lot. Officers located the subjects on video camera and saw one subject push another. Officers followed and interviewed one subject and notified the dean when the other slammed his dorm door shut.
- A student reported the theft of an unlocked bike from a rack.
- An employee reported seeing a male in his 30's with facial hair, wearing khaki shorts and a black trench coat, kicking the windows of a dorm at 0828 hrs. Officers were UTL .
- An elementary teacher attendee at a performance auditorium fell and injured her head in the balcony. LACFD paramedics responded and transported her to Doctors Hospital.
- A welding machine valued at \$1,000 was stolen from a basement room of a science building.
- A student reported the theft of cash from a wallet left in an unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported the theft of her wallet that had been taken from her purse left in an academic building. She reported that her credit card companies advised her of charges made to her accounts within an hour of the thefts.
- A student's DVD player was stolen from a dorm living room.
- An anonymous caller reported students writing in fresh cement near a dorm. Maintenance was advised. It appeared as if the entire area would have to be re-surfaced.
- A Safety officer reported that his vehicle and several others in the area had innocuous statements written with white shoe polish on them.
- At 0609 hrs. an employee reported seeing a trail of macaroni from a dining hall to a dorm. Eight pans of macaroni and one sheet of brownies were taken. Two empty pans were found. A deans report was taken.
- A sliding glass door into an art studio area was vandalized or broken. A report was taken.
- An employee reported that he saw a Hispanic male 30 — 40 yrs. old about 180 lbs. wearing a dark shirt, driving away in the employee's car. Officers and CPD were notified. Parked next to the spot from which the car was stolen was an abandoned car of the same make but a different color.
- An unlocked bike was stolen from the exterior of a student apartment.
- A female Safety officer working at a social event reported that a group of four off-campus males leaving the event all pulled their pants down and exposed themselves to her. Officers were UTL.
- At 0038 hrs. a Safety officer reported a fight between two males at a party. One subject was knocked out and had a lacerated mouth but recovered. Both subjects were identified as off-

campus guests. Although CPD, paramedics and ambulance services responded the subjects "made up" and no charges were filed and the subjects were escorted to their host's room on another of the campuses.

- An anonymous male reported someone playing bagpipes at 0112 hrs. in a quad area. An RA responded but was UTL. This was followed by reports of fireworks and of yelling and screaming. Officers were UTL on all incidents.
- At 0439 a male student reported being attacked and battered by another male student in a dorm. The other male was harassing females at a private party when the victim's female friend "told him off" and he responded by verbally abusing her and then attacking the victim. CPD responded and took a battery report and arrested the perpetrator.
- An alumna had a seizure and fell down steps at a student center, suffering a serious head injury. She was moved to Barrio Park and air-lifted by helicopter to Martin Luther King Hospital.
- Staff reported vandalism to a student commons building. A water fountain was ripped from the wall with resultant flooding, and tables were overturned and a pool table was slammed into a wall.
- A student reported the theft of a bike that had been locked to a dorm rack with a cable-lock.
- At 0011 hrs. a female student reported that she saw two white males with spiked hair and baggy clothing enter a room in a dorm and then leave with computer and stereo equipment. Officers responded and found two subjects fitting the description at a nearby dorm where one was partly through a window. Both subjects were handcuffed awaiting the arrival of CPD. The subjects had stolen items on their persons disclosing thefts from multiple dorm rooms. The subjects were arrested for burglary. Later, Safety officers found a stash of stolen items the thieves had hidden in bushes awaiting later retrieval. Those items were identified as belonging to students on an adjacent campus.
- At 0122 hrs. an officer saw a fight in progress outside of a dorm area. Students reported that they had a bad football game and

two students were hit with a bat. Neither suspects nor victims remained in the area.

- Officers heard the sound of something breaking at 0226 and saw two males leaving. They then found chairs thrown around and an ashtray broken off of a building pillar.
- A dining hall employee was injured when trying to light a pilot light. She declined medical assistance but later reported that her hair was burned and her eyes hurt and she went to the doctor.
- A tree branch fell on a parked car, damaging the hood and front section of the vehicle.
- An unlocked bike was stolen from outside of a dorm room.
- A student reported the theft of the rear license plate from his vehicle.
- A roofing company employee fell from a ladder in an academic building and injured his back. He was bandaged by paramedics but wished to drive himself to the hospital for treatment.
- A student's unlocked bike was stolen from the exterior dorm rack.
- A student previously arrested for battery against another student requested that CPD arrest the person who charged him, for battery. CPD took a report.
- A bike, cable-locked to a rack at a dorm, was stolen.
- The passenger side window of a vehicle parked on a campus street was broken and the CD player was stolen.
- Another vehicle parked near the vehicle noted in the previous entry was also burglarized via the broken window. A CD stereo and a disc holder with 80 CD's was stolen.
- A groundsman found a woman's bike hidden in bushes near the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and Harvard. It was brought to the Campus Safety station for safekeeping until it gets turned over to CPD.
- A student reported that her cell phone was stolen from her purse while she was walking around with it in various areas of the campus.
- At 0256 CPD advised that they had a student in custody for being drunk in public. The dean was advised.

- A dean reported a contentious subject illicitly using a campus pool again. Safety officers found the subject argumentative and uncooperative but obtained identification from his vehicle. The alumnus, from another of the colleges, was subsequently banned from the pool.
- At 0952 a patrolling officer noticed an off-campus person loitering near an athletic facility. He was interviewed, identified and escorted to his vehicle and off campus.
- A female student crashed on her bike and suffered scrapes and banged her head and was thought to be unconscious momentarily. She recovered, denied being unconscious, declined paramedic assistance, and was taken to the campus medical clinic for treatment.
- A pool intrusion alarm activated at 1450 hrs. and staff reported that two students jumped the fence into the pool area and are attempting to hide. Grounds staff escorted them out.
- At 2355 hrs. a student reported that someone kicked his collected pyramid of cola cans, damaging some. The suspect admitted kicking the cans but said they were already damaged. No charges were filed.
- At 0444 hrs. a jogger reported that a partially nude male jumped a fence into a construction area and was running around screaming. Officers apprehended the subject who was distraught and incoherent. CPD responded as did two student friends of the subject who were nearby. The off-campus subject was taken to a psychiatric evaluation facility for assessment of his condition.
- A student reported the theft of a locked bike from a dorm rack.
- A student called, via cell phone, and reported that a piece of metal went through her windshield on the freeway and requested assistance. Safety called the Calif. Hwy. Patrol who responded.
- A pool intrusion alarm activated at 0114 hrs. Officers found five students in the pool and escorted them out.
- At 0138 hrs. an officer spotted students on a dorm roof. They were advised to get down and complied.
- A student reported the theft of a VW van from a campus lot. CPD took a report.
- A driver on a campus street ran into a parked car. The owner was notified and both parties exchanged information.
- A student reported the theft of an unlocked bike from an activity center exterior entrance.
- After a group of off-campus males subjects was denied entry to a campus party, officers encountered a group of five uncooperative subjects on an adjacent campus. All were eventually identified and warned about trespassing and escorted to their vehicles.
- Staff reported the theft of an electric utility cart. The cart was located about 40 minutes later and returned to the maintenance area.
- A student visiting from an outside campus was transported to a hospital for treatment of excessive alcohol consumption at 0031 hrs.
- An officer reported that a concrete trash container had been pushed over and smashed on the apron of a science building.
- A Honda Prelude was stolen from a dorm lot. CPD took a GTA report.
- A tree branch fell on a parked vehicle breaking the rear window. Additional fallen branches and two uprooted trees were reported in the same time frame. (winds)
- A large chandelier on a long chain in a student center passageway fell from wind action. The area was taped off until the debris was cleared by workers.
- Student-staff reported the theft of 30 hooded sweatshirts from a student store storage area.
- At 2329 hrs. a student reported 10 juvenile non-students running up and down the halls of a dorm. Officers saw the subjects who refused to be identified but swiftly left the campus via two vehicles.
- Students complained of very loud music coming from a dorm room at 0307 hrs. Officers approached and heard yelling and alcohol influenced noise making but the room occupants fled out of the window. They were identified anyway as they ran to another room.
- An officer reported that a large tree branch fell on a Mustang convertible causing extensive damage. The owner and the grounds dept. were notified.

- A student's boyfriend's car was broken into overnight. The window was smashed but nothing was taken .
- The window of a VW was broken and a portable CD player was stolen.
- Another vehicle parked nearby also had a smashed window and an AM/FM CD player, CD's and other property were stolen.

## Crime Prevention Strategies / Tips

**M**ost of the theft on campus is the result of valuable items left unsecured or secured inadequately. Thefts occur at all hours. We believe that most of the thieves come from off campus, but they know the campuses fairly well. So, even if your dorm outer door is locked or your office building is occupied the thieves can and will enter and will brazenly steal concealable items.

- Lock dorm doors and windows
- lock offices when unoccupied
- Obtain a lockable chest, cabinet or safe for valuables if consistent locking of the room is impractical.
- Use locking cables for laptops but realize that cables are easily defeated with boltcutters.
- Use a good U-lock to secure bicycles to a bike rack.
- Register your bike so officers can check ownership when we see somebody riding it away.
- Install an electronic alarm in your car. They work to prevent burglaries and Grand Theft Auto.
- Don't allow "follow-throughs" into the dorm or other secured areas.
- Remember, thieves are coming here for the purpose of stealing our property. Let's make it difficult for them.
- Call Campus Safety immediately when you observe suspicious activity.

## November 2002 Crime Stats

### Crimes Against Persons

annoying call	0
assault	1
assault w/deadly weapon	0
disturbance	0
hate incident	0
indecent exposure	1
prowling	0
rape	0
robbery	0
sexual assault	0
other	2

### Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
burglary	8 *
theft (from vehicle)	8
theft (bike)	10
theft (from building)	4
theft (other)	2
grand theft auto	3
trespass	0
vandalism	3
other	0

Arrests 3

\* There were 16 victims in the 8 reported burglaries – most were from dorm rooms.

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