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September 2002 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

There has been a sharp surge in bicycle theft crimes. (about 28 in the last 6 weeks) Most were either unlocked or locked with a cable-lock, which was then cut. Bikes correctly locked with a U-lock have not been reported stolen in this period. Campus Safety officers stopped one person suspected of being a very prolific thief, (early October) with bikes in his vehicle, but CPD was not able to hold him without evidence of theft. The following day a report of a stolen bike matched one of the bikes the suspect had in his truck. An arrest warrant was issued and CPD arrested the subject a few days later. Nevertheless, numerous bikes were stolen in October after the arrest, confirming that thieves will show up and work where opportunity exists regardless of how many are caught.

Also in October, (therefore, not in the following blotter) four classroom data projectors valued at \$5,000 each were

stolen from one academic building. Last year at this approximate time we had about 16 such projectors stolen over a 6 week period.

Selective Incident Summary, Sept. 1 — 30

- At 0120 hrs. an RA reported that a fire extinguisher had been partially discharged in a basement dorm room.
- CPD sent officers to monitor a "Frosh Run" at 0225 hrs. It generated noise complaints from the community because of music and loud exhortations at its inception and from peripatetic self-identifying chanting to the "tune" of the Mickey Mouse song on the undergraduate campuses. They caught up just at the last rendition and gave a verbal warning.
- At 0100 hrs. a male student lapsing into unconsciousness from alcohol poisoning was transported to a local hospital for treatment.
- A student reported 5 or 6 adult males smoking and drinking outside of a dorm at 0136 hrs. They fled in a vehicle at a high rate of speed when a responding Safety officer approached.
- At 0633 hrs. a student fell off of his bed and complained of medical problems. Paramedics responded but he refused to be transported to the hospital.
- CPD officers were notified directly of a domestic dispute in a dorm and responded. A student and an off-campus "ex" were counseled and admonished to stay away from each other. The deans were advised.

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- A group of students reported to a dean that another group, purportedly from another of the campuses, confronted them with homophobic abuse at In-&-Out Burger.
- A female student reported that two male students tried to steal a sign from her window.
- At 0009 hrs. an earthquake rated at 4.8, centered in Yorba Linda, was felt on campus. A quick check disclosed no damage of any kind.
- Students who were seen on the roof of a dorm at 0010 hrs. throwing water balloons, disappeared before the arrival of Safety officers.
- At 0031 hrs. Safety officers responded to an emergency call from two female students stuck in an elevator. A technician was called and they were released an hour later.
- At 0108 six students were found swimming in a closed pool. They were escorted out.
- An RA detained three students found smoking marijuana from a bong. The dean was advised.
- Students began setting up a tent and had signs protesting the lack of air conditioning in dorms, in a move to boycott the dorms. However, they did not have authorization to erect the tent and were encouraged to take it down and complied.
- A student reported the theft of a mountain bike from a locked storage container over the summer.
- Students reported a serious altercation between a student and a parent in a dorm room. Responding officers were assured by both the student and parent that there would be no further problems. Dorm professional staff were informed and responded to assist.
- A student reported the theft of miscellaneous items from a locked storage container over the summer.
- Four students were found swimming in a closed pool. They were identified and escorted out.
- An female student residing off-campus reported being stalked by a male acquaintance. Local police have been advised and Safety officers were apprised of the situation.
- Students were evacuated from an academic building because of smoke and the smell of burning. LACFD responded. The cause of the smoke was a fluorescent fixture transformer. Classes were resumed when it was isolated and repaired.
- An employee was transported to the hospital for injuries suffered following a fall in a library.
- A suspicious male subject without a shirt looking into windows at 2032 hrs. was identified by Safety officers as a relative of an employee who was delivering the employee's cigarettes.
- A cable-locked bike was stolen from a dorm courtyard bike rack.
- Eight students were found swimming in a closed pool at 2323 hrs. They were escorted out.
- A student reported the theft of a bike and a U-lock from a dorm storage room over the summer.
- The San Bernardino County Coronor's office advised that they found the burned body of a student along a freeway near a brush fire. The dean was advised.
- A student reported a burglary of his car, from which speakers, cash and other items were stolen. He found a "shaved" key that did not belong to him inside the car. The key "worked" the door lock.
- A female student reported receiving sexually explicit, offensive messages via e-mail from a male student who identified himself as a student from an adjacent campus but was not found in the student roster. She was advised of her options for action.
- At 0127 hrs. an RA reported noises on the roof of a dorm. Officers found students on the roof and escorted them down. There were numerous small groups of students playing music and talking loudly.
- An off campus citizen complained of constant drumming coming from an outdoor athletic area for over four hours. Officers found a student and three others who complied with a request to keep the noise down.
- A student reported that her wallet was taken from her pocket when she was bumped while at a party. A friend found the wallet later and only the cash was missing. She declined to file a report.
- Staff at a party advised of a female student possibly suffering alcohol poisoning. Officers found the subject who was intermittently

unconscious and she was transported to a local hospital. Both CPD and LACFD had responded to the incident.

- Someone activated a fire alarm pull box at a building adjacent to a party. Officers reset the apparatus.
- At 0100 hrs. an officer reported a suspicious male loitering near a student activity center. He said he got off a bus and was just listening to the music from a party. He was escorted off campus.
- A student reported the theft of a wallet that she left under a stage at a party. The wallet was later found in a trash can with all of the foreign licenses, cards and foreign currency still in it.
- A student reported that an off-campus guest of other students had acted in a threatening manner toward her. Officers escorted the subject and his associates out of the area and, subsequently, off campus.
- Several additional incidents of students in pools after hours without lifeguards occurred. They were escorted out.
- An RA reported a female student with alcohol poisoning at 0211 hrs. Paramedics responded and she was transported to PVHMC (Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center)
- A local citizen walking on campus found a purse with identifying information in it. The Safety office informed the student owner who said she had the purse in a dorm lounge but it was missing when she left. Cash, I.D. cards and credit cards were stolen.
- Maintenance staff reported the theft of a cordless drill and bits from a locked storage shed. There were no signs of forced entry.
- The frame and rear wheel assembly of a bike locked by the front wheel only was stolen from a rack near a student center. The front wheel was still locked to the rack.
- A cable-locked bike was stolen from an academic building rack between 1805 and 1945 hrs. on a Monday.
- At 0114 hrs. an officer saw 7 students on an orange maintenance cart. They fled. Later, the maintenance dept. of that campus reported the cart missing.
- A student reported the theft of her purse and contents from her unlocked car, parked on a campus street.

- At 0113 hrs. a Safety officer found three students carrying sticks on fire. He confiscated a can of camp fuel and identified the students.
- At 0321 hrs. a Safety officer saw a white male subject, about 160 lbs, who seemed to have exchanged an old bike for a better one from a rack. Officers and CPD were unable to catch him.
- Staff reported the theft of a \$700 stereo system from a locked reading room.
- Staff reported that a pull-down projector screen had been torn to shreds. Damage estimate: \$800.
- The frame and rear wheel assembly of a mountain bike was stolen from a dorm rack, leaving the front wheel locked to the rack.
- At 1200 hrs. RA's, deans, and many students, preponderantly women, called to complain about anti-abortion picketers carrying signs with pictures of fetuses that were aborted, requesting that the picketers be ejected from campus. Officers responded and asked them to leave the campus private property, but they retreated to an adjacent public street/sidewalk. CPD officers responded and did not find them to be disruptive or breaking the law. Eventually, the subjects got into a truck and left the area.
- The Safety office was informed that a female student, under the influence of substances, fell out of moving vehicle on a city street on the campus border and, suffering severe back lacerations, was transported to the hospital by an RA.
- At 0344 hrs. a student reported a dog barking in a dorm wing. The matter was referred to the RA.
- A student's bike, locked by a cable-lock was stolen from a dorm rack.
- A cable-locked bike was stolen from an administrative building bike rack.
- Two subjects, reportedly harassing students to vote, were interviewed by Safety officers and escorted off campus.
- An employee reported that a utility cart was missing. Officers were advised to be on the lookout for it.
- Another employee on a different campus reported a missing electric cart.
- On a Thursday at about 2322 hrs. there were multiple calls about loud music from north, east and south campuses.

- Additional noise complaints were generated from a dorm at which multiple groups were drinking, talking loudly, playing music and moving from place to place making control by RA's and Safety officers difficult. Ultimately, assistance from professional residence staff helped in suppressing the noisy activity.
- Dining hall staff reported three white males trying to get into a college van unsuccessfully. They then stole a golf cart and fled. Officers stopped the cart and identified the suspects, all students.
- Safety officers found two more carts that had been stolen and secured them.
- An off campus female student reported being battered by a student boyfriend but was reluctant to make a police report. The report was completed the following day and the perpetrator was suspended on an interim basis.
- At 0234 someone reported a fight. Officers talked to several male students but were not able to get a complete story other than that someone was punched or pushed after calling a passerby, escorting a woman home, "gay".
- A student reported the theft of a cassette player from a summer storage container.
- Staff reported an abandoned golf cart with a Campus Watch sticker on it. It was moved to the Campus Safety station for safekeeping.
- CPD officers found an unlocked chrome, full suspension, mountain bike near the Joint Science Center and turned it over to Campus Safety for safekeeping.
- At 0144 hrs. a student reported two males yelling at each other outside of the dorm. Officers identified two students in a verbal altercation. One was escorted off-campus.
- On Saturday, a student reported that a dorm entrance door lock handle was missing. A locksmith was called in to replace the entire lock.
- A female student reported that someone either entered her dorm room or reached in from outside and etched the words "Tom Phillips was here" into the window glass on the inside.
- A reserve officer on duty at an event at an auditorium reported that four male students were trying to steal food. Patrol officers responded and the subjects fled.
- At 1910 hrs. a student reported a "very large feline. . . too large to be a regular cat" in a garden area bordering an arboretum. Officers were UTL.
- A reserve officer on duty at an outdoor party was grabbed by an upset student when his entry into the party with an 18 pack of beer was prevented by the officer.
- CPD officers issued a warning citation for loud music at 0043. The sound level was reduced.
- Officers responded to reports of fireworks and loud talking at 0142 hrs. and encountered two alumni and students with open containers. The alumni, who tried to take responsibility for a keg were intoxicated and uncooperative. After some discussion, they left campus.
- At 0155 hrs. a fire alarm pull box was activated at a dorm. No fire.
- A student's cable-locked bike was stolen from a dorm rack. The cut cable was left on the ground.
- An officer observed 3 males and 3 females trying to take a dining service utility cart. Two male students were identified. They said that their mailbox keys work in the ignition lock.
- Officers reported multiple instances of students illicitly swimming in pools after hours when no lifeguard was on duty. They were escorted out.
- A \$300 mountain bike, cable-locked to a dining hall rack was stolen.
- A car parked in a campus lot was damaged by a hit-and-run vehicle. CPD took a report.
- Two bikes, both cable-locked to a dorm rack, were stolen.
- Someone burned a bagel in the faculty support lounge and activated the admin. building fire alarm.
- A mountain bike, locked with a cable-lock, was stolen from a dorm rack.
- A student and an employee collided in their cars in a campus lot. Both were given driver's report forms to complete.
- An officer spotted two familiar, notorious subjects walking on campus. The subjects fled and were followed by several officers. CPD stopped one on Foothill Blvd. and Safety officers

stopped the other at a dorm. One was arrested for outstanding warrants and the other for another trespassing charge.

- A Safety officer applied pressure to a swimmer's gashed leg in which the bone was exposed, pending the arrival of paramedics. The student was transported to PVHMC for treatment.
- Two students, stuck in an elevator between floors, were extricated after they used the elevator phone to call Campus Safety. Elevator technicians got them out an hour later.
- An officer reported an intoxicated, suspicious male subject on an outlying campus. CPD responded and transported the combative subject to a psychiatric facility for evaluation.
- At 0012 hrs. and officer saw four male subjects on a scaffold and on the roof of a library. They were identified and escorted from the work site.
- An unlocked bike, parked outside of a dorm room, was stolen along with the U-lock.
- Two students collided in their vehicles in a campus lot. They exchanged information and were given driver's reports to complete.
- A student reported two black males tampering with bikes at a campus center rack. Officers found bike parts and evidence of tampering with the possibility that a frame had been switched.
- CPD arrested a male student for driving while under the influence of alcohol but released him to a dean because of a medical condition.
- A student reported his bike stolen. It was found by a campus maintenance worker in bushes near their facility, possibly to be retrieved by a thief later. The bike was returned to the student.
- CPD responded to take a hit-and-run accident report on a vehicle parked in a campus lot.
- An employee reported that her large SUV received a "Citizen's Environmental Peace Department violation" ticket on the windshield.
- Staff reported the theft of a VCR and a DVD from a dorm lounge.
- Someone wrote "Global Warmer" in the dust on a SUV window. No damage.
- Staff reported a broken dorm lounge window. It was unknown how or when the damage occurred.

- A custodian reported numerous nonsense graffiti applications in a dorm restroom in red, black and green marker.
- A female student reported being awakened at 0337 hrs. by a full can of beer thrown through her dorm room window, shattering the glass, breaking the screen and spraying beer onto her computer and keyboard.
- A student reported an attempted theft of a car stereo, which was damaged. The car window was broken and the glove box was rifled also.
- Officers reported numerous instances of students walking with open alcohol containers and had them dispose of the alcohol.
- A surveillance officer on a smoke break saw a subject riding a bike past him, ditch the bike in the bushes. He then entered a vehicle driven by another male subject and they fled. The bike was stored for safekeeping.
- A staggering student on a city street at 0113 hrs. came to the attention of CPD who turned him over to Campus Safety for an escort to his room.
- An officer found a Scorpio Pacific bike with a missing front wheel along a walkway. It was secured for safekeeping.
- An intoxicated student wandered into another student's room and urinated on the floor and belongings. RA's handled the situation.
- A black leather couch, valued at \$1000 was stolen from a summer storage room at student apartments. No sign of forced entry.
- Officers responded to a pool for a report of rowdiness and things being thrown into the pool. There were about 50 students throwing things and spraying water from a fire extinguisher. They had a scheduled water polo game and the game got out of hand. No major damage.
- A student reported the theft of a bike from a summer storage container.
- A major forest fire in the local mountains gained in size and approached the city. There was constant smoke overcast and fire could be seen up in the mountains, particularly at night. Both mandatory and voluntary evacuations of foothill and canyon areas were initiated. It was eventually controlled by legions of firefighters, after burning 36,000 acres and numerous outlying cabins.

- A dining hall intrusion alarm activated and a student reported seeing someone running out of the building. Officers reported that a forty foot plastic window was cracked.
- A student reported the theft of his cable-locked bike from a dorm rack. Value \$500.
- An RA reported a white male subject, previously seen sleeping in a dorm lounge, in the lounge again. Officers found and identified the subject who was then arrested for trespassing in the dorm.
- A student reported the theft of a sweatshirt, with a wallet in the pocket, from a dorm.
- Staff reported an unauthorized rally at the library by an extreme left wing radical group. Officers found members of the political organization supporting Lyndon LaRouche both at the library and at a campus activity center. Neither group caused any trouble.
- An officer observed a group of seven subjects riding a golf cart. They fled as he approached. The cart was taken to the Safety Station.
- Another cart was found by maintenance workers. Later, another campus maintenance office reported their cart stolen and it was returned to them.
- An employee of an outlying campus reported repeated vehicle vandalism in the form of scratches on the trunk.
- A dorm fire alarm activated at 0135 hrs. Responding officers found teasing notes on the wall leading to the site of the pulled alarm box.
- At 0321 Officers were called to an outside area because two kegs left over from a party had been activated. Safety officers and dorm staff secured the kegs.
- A grounds employee reported one man sitting in a chair and others walking around him gesticulating. Officers interviewed the subjects who said they were members of a local church and were praying for the city of Claremont.
- A black tote bag containing music sheets, a cell phone and wallet were stolen from an unlocked dorm room.
- An escort service employee reported that the escort cart that was missing was found turned over in another area. The battery and roof were damaged.
- At 2324 hrs. an officer observed an intoxicated off-campus subject who showed an identification card with a name other than the verbal name given to the officer. CPD assisted in interviewing the subject and he was then escorted off campus.
- Residence hall staff reported an altercation between a female student and her boyfriend, another student. The woman felt intimidated by his alcohol affected behavior. The dean handled the situation.
- At 0236 hrs. a male and female student walking to a dorm saw a nude male subject in a parked vehicle and called it in. A Safety officer obtained the vehicle license number while the subject fled the area. Other officers spotted him and CPD officers coordinated in chasing the subject who almost hit a fireman attending a traffic collision on a nearby city street, but he got away. A records check disclosed that the probable driver is a registered sex offender in a nearby community.
- At 0319 hrs. someone activated two fire pull stations in a dorm. One of the boxes was damaged and required a technician to be called in to repair it and restore the system to full operation.
- At 0332 hrs. a student reported that someone just pushed a shopping cart into a dorm window and broke it. Witnesses described and identified the suspect as the guest of a student but he was gone when officers arrived. The student host took responsibility for the damage caused by his intoxicated friend.
- Someone reported that the women's lockers in an athletic facility were found open and miscellaneous items are missing.
- An officer passing a dining hall noticed that an appurtenant trash compactor was on fire at 2158 hrs.. LACFD responded and extinguished the fire within 14 minutes of its discovery.
- One of several students fleeing in a stolen golf cart was stopped and identified. She was intoxicated and uncooperative.
- A reserve officer reported an incipient fight. Regular officers found a group of male students confronting each other and broke up the interaction. Apparently, one student slapped another and was hit in retaliation. The combatants were not immediately identified but

a group of students visiting from Chapman University left from the immediate area.

- An intoxicated male student, who may have hit his head on the toilet, was intermittently unconscious. He was transported to Doctor's Hospital.
- At 0128 Officers heard fireworks — bottle rockets — coming from a nearby dorm area, but were UTL the perpetrators.
- At 0111 hrs. a student reported the sound of breaking glass in a quad area, but responding officers did not see the source. Later in the afternoon, the student reported the window of a dorm room broken out and a glass company was called to replace the pane.
- A student's unlocked bike, stolen from a dorm area, was found by a Safety officer in the bushes on another campus on the following day.
- A student living in an off-campus, but adjacent, house, reported the theft of an unlocked bike from the porch.
- A student was transported to the hospital following an overdose of pills.

factor in projector theft is that the classrooms are often unlocked when not in use. Our most recent theft occurred between 1430 and 1845 hrs. on a Tuesday. The rest of us should make sure that such equipment is secured by locking the doors when the rooms are not in use and by making sure that building doors are not propped. Report suspicious persons/activity!

Our other highlighted crime of the month, bike theft, can be largely mitigated by the proper use of good U-locks. At least two bikes with U-locks have been stolen because the lock loop was placed around the front fork. That just requires removal of the front wheel to release the lock and then the wheel is reinstalled. All of the other bikes stolen were either unlocked or locked with cable locks. Cables just don't do the job! Please, capture your bike frame and at least one wheel in a U-lock loop along with the bike rack.

Crime Prevention Strategies / Tips

Obviously, there is a market for data projectors — the classroom projectors usually mounted on the ceiling which project data onto a wall or screen. Those persons having responsibility for securing that equipment should check with security equipment vendors for devices and procedures to prevent unauthorized removal, or call us for a referral. A common

September 2002 Crime Statistics

Crimes Against Persons

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

Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
burglary	9
theft (from vehicle)**	1
theft (bike)***	15
theft (from building)	3
theft (other)	0
grand theft auto	0
trespass	2
vandalism	3
other *	2

Arrests 3

* Hit-and-run accident

** 2 "theft from vehicle" included in "burglary"

*** 2 bike thefts included as "burglary"

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