

# The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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## December 2004 Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

This December has shown a slight decline in crimes against property, both in comparison to the rest of the Fall 2004 semester and in comparison to statistics for December of 2000 and 2001. The number of thefts has substantially declined, although there were still several burglaries from secured rooms and buildings. In the many of the dorm room burglaries that occurred during December, it was determined that access was gained through an open or unlocked window. It is crucial to remember, even if your room or office is not on the ground floor, that an open window is an invitation to thieves.

With a single exception, all bike thefts this month involved a cut cable lock. While a cable lock is better than no lock at all, it will not deter a determined thief. A square lock, or even

better, a U-lock with a disc-cylinder key, is the most secure options for locking your bike. In addition, it is best to park and lock your bike in an area that is well lit and that has heavy foot traffic. While a thief may be willing to use bolt cutters in a dark corner, it is less likely that he or she will be willing to risk someone coming by in a more populous area.

### December 2004 Selective Incident Summary, December 1-31

- A student reported that his mountain bike was stolen from a rack outside his dorm. The cable lock being used to secure it was cut.
- A student reported that his vehicle's CD player and three CDs were stolen. Both locks on the vehicle were broken.
- A student reported offensive and homophobic comments and drawings on her whiteboard and the whiteboard of a nearby dorm room. A sticker posted on her door was also damaged. Campus Safety officers and CPD officers responded.
- A student reported that a rock was thrown through his window and struck another window in his room. Both windows were destroyed. Maintenance responded and repaired the windows.

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- A student reported that a bike she saw parked by a dining hall was her bike, which was stolen last year. She advised that no report was filed, but that her bike was registered. The bicycle registration was located, and the student was confirmed as the owner.
- A student reported that the front wheel of her bicycle was stolen from her dorm room while she was gone for a few hours.
- A student reported offensive comments and a swastika written on a door in his hallway. Campus Safety officers and CPD responded, and the dean was notified.
- A student reported that the cable lock securing his bike was cut and the bike was stolen.
- A staff member reported that an employee was just terminated and had become combative. The employee left the scene, and Campus Safety and CPD officers responded.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from outside a dining hall. His Kryptonite cable lock was cut and left at the scene.
- A staff member reported equipment stolen from a locked closet in a science building.
- A staff member reported various phrases and slogans spray painted on the roof of an academic building.
- A staff member reported that a men's watch and a bottle of liqueur were stolen from a dinner party.
- A staff member reported that a scrubbing machine was stolen from an academic building.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with an oval lock, was stolen from outside a dining hall.
- A student reported that his headphones and external hard drive were stolen from a common lounge area in a dorm.
- A student reported two older males harassing female students. Campus Safety officers and CPD officers responded, and the subjects were arrested.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen and the cable lock with which it was secured was cut and left at the scene.
- A staff member reported that several surveillance cameras were stolen from a locked mailroom.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a suspicious male with a possibly stolen bike. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded, and located a possibly stolen bicycle. The bike was confiscated as evidence.
- A Campus Safety officer reported two suspicious males in a parking lot. They fled upon the officer's approach. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded, and located a third subject. Several bags containing students' personal belongings were found in the bushes and in the subjects' car. Two of the three subjects were located and arrested.
- A staff member reported that the window to his vehicle was shattered while parked near an administrative office.
- A staff member reported that a maintenance shed was burglarized. The shed was cut and the lock removed, and

several pieces of equipment were removed.

- A student reported that various CDs, video games, DVDs and computer software were stolen from his room. He said that the room was locked, but the window was open.

## Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Lock all doors and windows before leaving your room or office for any amount of time.
- Report maintenance problems immediately. A bent or ill-fitting screen may just be an inconvenience to you, but it provides easy access for a thief, especially if your window is open.
- Create a file of all expensive or important equipment that you keep stored in your room, office, or lab. Make a note of the make, model, serial number, and any unique identifying marks on each item. Many stolen items can end up on eBay or similar systems, and it can be impossible to distinguish yours from any other item without the serial number.
- Register your bicycle with the State of California through Campus Safety or the City of Claremont. This month we saw the importance of that, as bike registration played a determining factor in the return of a bike to its rightful owner.

Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	1
Disturbance	1
Hate Incident	2
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
Other	0

Crimes Against Property	
Arson	0
Burglary	6
Theft (from vehicle)	1
Theft (Bike)	5
Theft (from building)	2
Theft (Other)	0
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	4
Other	0
Arrests	4

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## December 2004 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons	
Annoying Call	0
Assault	0