

# The Claremont Colleges

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## January 2005 Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

The statistics for January 2005 show a slight decrease in the number of property crimes when compared to years past. Unfortunately, a number of the burglaries appear to indicate either adept skill at gaining access without leaving marks of forced entry or possibly possession of campus keys. Non-residential buildings showed a higher percentage of theft than the dorms. This could be due to most dorm rooms being secured for Winter Break, while academic and administrative buildings were still in use by staff. One theft from a dorm lounge was caught on surveillance tape, offering suspect information: Male, 20-30 years old, short dark hair, wearing a white short sleeved t-shirt and dark colored gym pants, and carrying a red and black gym bag. The theft occurred at approximately 1108 hours on a weekday, and it is clear from the tape that the suspect was familiar with the area.

Several incidents have been reported in which staff members walk into their office to find an unknown subject in there or a subject walks into an unlocked office. When the subject sees the staff member, a seemingly innocuous, but somewhat out of place, question is asked, and then the subject leaves. It is only later that the staff members discover various concealable items missing.

### January 2005 Selective Incident Summary, January 1-31

- A staff member reported that audiovisual equipment was stolen from a locked academic building. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded and took a report.
- A dean reported that a swastika and anti-Semitic comments were written on a dorm room white board. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded and took a report. CPD determined it to be a hate crime.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a male pointing a handgun at a group of students near a dorm. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded, and determined that the gun was a realistic replica. The replica was confiscated and turned over to the appropriate dean.

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- A student reported that his mountain bike was stolen from a bike rack outside an academic building. Bike was locked with a u-lock, which was also taken.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from a bike rack outside his dorm. Bike was locked with a cable lock.
- Two students reported that various DVDs, video game consoles and video games were stolen from their locked suite common room.
- An R.A. reported that a swastika and an inflammatory statement were in black marker on a dorm stairwell. Campus Safety responded and took a report, and the appropriate deans were notified.
- A student reported that his computer monitor and speaker were stolen from his locked room.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from a bike rack outside his dorm. The cable lock that was securing the bike was cut and left at the scene.
- A student reported that her mountain bike was stolen from inside a locked bike shed. The bike was locked to itself.
- An employee reported that a computer monitor was stolen from an unattended cart in an academic building.
- A female student reported threatening and obscene phone calls. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded. The student had recorded the incoming phone number, and the responding CPD officer made contact with the guardian of a young boy who had made the calls.
- A student reported that his car had messages scratched into it while parked on campus over Winter Break.
- A student reported that her purse was stolen from the courtyard of an academic building, where she had left it unattended.
- A Campus Safety officer observed several extremely intoxicated off-campus guests attempting to leave campus in a vehicle. CPD was advised, and the driver of the vehicle was arrested.
- A dean reported that a student's vehicle was stolen from a dorm parking lot during Winter Break. The student had already reported the theft to CPD.
- An employee reported that equipment was stolen from a locked room in an academic building.
- An employee reported a DVD player stolen from a dorm lounge. Review of surveillance tapes showed a clear image of the suspect. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded and took a report.
- A student reported that her unlocked mountain bike and a Kryptonite U-lock were stolen from a bike rack outside of an administrative building.
- An employee from an on-campus store reported receiving two counterfeit twenty-dollar bills. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded and took a report.
- An anonymous student reported that a fellow student had held her and touched her inappropriately against her will. The student refused to identify herself, and refused to talk to the appropriate deans, a preliminary report was taken.
- An employee reported that a laptop computer was taken from inside an unlocked classroom. The computer was locked to a cart, but the lock was defeated.

- A student reported a suspicious male wandering through a dorm hallway asking for drugs. Campus Safety officers responded, and discovered that a laptop had been taken from the same area at the time the subject was seen. The subject was seen leaving campus in a vehicle, and CPD was advised.
- An employee reported that the rear window of his vehicle had been broken. In addition, there were several dents and scratches on the body of the vehicle.
- If you keep large amounts of expensive equipment in your room, find a solid locker in which to secure the items, and place it in an inconspicuous place in your room. This is especially important for DVD collections and video game console collection, due to the large amount of accessories that can easily be concealed and stolen at one time.

## Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- If upon entering your dorm room or office, you observe someone you do not know, call Campus Safety *immediately*. Even if the subject gives a plausible reason for being there, get a thorough description and make note of which way the person heads when they leave. Do not wait to call Campus Safety, chances of locating the person decrease as time goes by.
- Even if your bicycle is stored inside of a locked bike garage, dorm room, or other contained area, it is still crucial to lock the bike to an immovable object inside the area. Buy and use U-locks with a flat key, and make sure to lock both one wheel and the frame to the rack.
- With the exception of bicycles, most of the dorm room thefts involve small items easily concealed in a backpack. Buy a small safe or chest, and keep all valuables locked inside when they are not in use. Keep your laptop locked to a fixed item when not in use.

## January 2005 Statistics

### Crimes Against Persons

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

### Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
Burglary	8
Theft (from vehicle)	0
Theft (Bike)	4
Theft (from building)	2
Theft (Other)	1
Grand Theft Auto	1
Trespass	0
Vandalism	2
Other	1

Arrests 1

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