

The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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November 2004 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

By far the most prevalent crime this past month has been thefts from unlocked rooms or unattended bags. There were an unusually high number of thefts from backpacks left in dining hall common areas. These included bags left between meal periods, and bags left in a common area while the owner dined. Theft from unlocked areas, both dorm rooms and offices, are always an area of concern, but this month there were a number of thefts where items would be taken from several rooms in close proximity during a short time period, indicating a deliberate and possibly pre-meditated action. It is vital to always lock your door, whether you plan to be gone for a long or a short period of time, and keep any valuables locked in secured places within your locked room.

The number of bike thefts remains high this month, with most of the bicycles being reported

as having been locked with a cable lock. While a few of the reported bicycles were unlocked, the large majority were locked with a cable lock that was either cut and left at the scene, or that was taken along with the bike. There was a single report of a bicycle having been stolen while locked with a Kryptonite brand lock, although it is not clear if the Kryptonite lock was a U-lock or a cable lock. As always, it is important to invest in a solid U-lock, preferably with disk cylinder technology, because it is too easy to defeat cable locks.

November 2004 Selective Incident Summary, November 1—30

- A student reported finding several SUVs across various parking lots vandalized. The vehicles had anti-SUV statistics and statements painted on their windows in washable paint. It was later discovered that students had vandalized the vehicles to fulfill a class assignment on political activism.
- A student reported that his longboard was stolen from a common area in a campus dining hall.
- A parent reported that her son was visiting a student, went hiking by himself, and had not been heard from since. The guest had gone hiking alone off campus, and the information was

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forwarded to Claremont Police Department.

- A staff member reported a fire in a dorm kitchen. Campus Safety Officers, Claremont P.D. and LACFD responded. The fire was extinguished. A pan of pumpkin seeds was left in the oven too long and started the fire.
- A student reported that his wallet was stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that his mountain bike and cable lock were stolen.
- A staff member reported a suspicious male standing outside of an academic building staring at students. Campus Safety Officers and CPD responded. The subject had a confrontation with the CPD officer, and was arrested.
- A staff member reported that a grounds shed was burglarized. A Campus Safety Officer and CPD responded, and discovered that three locks had been cut with bolt cutters.
- A student reported his laptop computer and mp3 player were stolen from his locked dorm room.
- A student reported her mountain bike and cable lock stolen from a bike rack near her dorm.
- A student reported that her purse and cell phone were stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported her laptop computer was stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A staff member reported that a maintenance department was burglarized, with over \$50,000 worth of equipment stolen.
- A student reported her bicycle was stolen from a rack near her dorm. It was later returned to the bike rack with no damage and no lock.
- A student reported that her unlocked mountain bike was stolen from an unlocked common area in a student center. She later reported that another student had returned it to her. He claimed that he mistook the bike for a bicycle belonging to his friend, which he is allowed to use.
- A student reported that his laptop computer was stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from a bike rack near his dorm. He advised that the bike had been locked with a chain lock.
- A student reported that someone wrote on the roof of his car in black permanent marker.
- A student reported that his laptop computer and a digital camera belong to a college audiovisual department were stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that several thefts occurred in his dorm room and those surrounding it. One student involved had the name and address of the perpetrator. Campus Safety Officers and CPD responded, and a suspect was later arrested.
- A student reported that his X-Box, video games, and several DVDs were stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that her bicycle and lock were stolen from a rack near her dorm.
- A student reported that several checks and personal belongings were stolen from his unlocked dorm room.

- A student reported her bicycle was stolen from a rack near an athletic center. The bike was locked with a cable lock.
- A student reported that various pieces of electronic equipment were stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that his X-Box was stolen from his unlocked and partially open dorm room.
- A student reported that his laptop computer was stolen from his unlocked and partially open dorm room.
- A student reported that her bicycle, locked with a cable lock, was stolen from a bike rack outside her dorm.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from a rack near her dorm. The bike was locked with a cable lock.
- A Campus Safety Officer reported a student trying to start her golf cart with an unknown object. The student refused to show I.D., and pushed and kicked another Campus Safety Officer while trying to flee. CPD responded and arrested the student.
- A student reported that two scientific calculators were stolen out of his backpack, which had been left in the common area of a dining hall.
- A student reported that his iPod was stolen from his backpack, which was left in a dining hall.
- A staff member reported that two computers, two monitors, and an iPod were stolen from a department house. Access was gained through a window that had no glass pane.
- CPD requested that a Campus Safety Officer meet them at a dorm. CPD arrested a student for a bench warrant.
- A Campus Safety Officer reported several advertisements for “porn style models” posted on student bulletin boards. CPD was advised, and they left a message at the given phone number regarding violations of the penal code.
- A Campus Safety Officer reported an off-campus male was being combative and uncooperative. Other Campus Safety Officers and CPD responded. The subject pushed two women, and was arrested.
- A student reported that her laundry was stolen from a common dorm laundry room.
- A Campus Safety Officer reported an off-campus male fighting with a relative. Additional Campus Safety Officers and CPD responded. The subject was arrested.
- A staff member reported that a large sum of cash was stolen from a backpack left inside her unlocked office.
- A student reported that her locked bicycle was stolen from a bike rack near her dorm. The Kryptonite lock was cut and left at the scene.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Always remember to lock your door. Whether you plan to be gone for five minutes or five days, locking your door is the first step to protecting both yourself and your property. The extra time you take to locate your keys and secure your door may prevent the loss of your personal property.

- If you ever walk into your room or office and find someone inside who does not belong there, call Campus Safety IMMEDIATELY at x72000. Do not wait until several minutes after the incident, as there is less chance that the people involved will be located. Try to provide a comprehensive physical description, as well as the subject(s) direction of travel. Do NOT try to confront the subjects yourself, as they may become violent if they were, in fact, attempting to commit a crime.
- Do not approach intoxicated students, especially if they appear to be belligerent or unruly. Alcohol makes people less rational, and you may end up getting hurt. If there is a problem or someone is causing a disturbance, call Campus Safety at x72000, or contact your R.A.
- Unless you know a person very well (i.e., several years of close friendship), do not host off-campus subjects, especially at parties. A person you have met three or four times at a party may seem nice, but there is no guarantee that it is safe for you to vouch for them. Remember, you are responsible for any actions your guests commit while on campus.

Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
Other	0

Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
Burglary	14
Theft (from vehicle)	0
Theft (Bike)	9
Theft (from building)	9
Theft (Other)	0
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	2
Other	1

Arrests	5
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November 2004 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons

Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	1
Disturbance	2
Hate Incident	0
Indecent Exposure	0