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September 2004 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

As students, staff, and faculty return to the familiarity of the school year, we find ourselves faced with common problems that recur year after year. Unlocked dorms and offices are prime targets for thefts, as are common party areas such as social rooms and dorm courtyards. Several personal items, from purses to cell phones, have been stolen from parties after their owners set them down, intending to “keep an eye” on them from a distance. Although bike thefts were less frequent this year than the past few years, a rash of bicycle thefts began at the end of September, and has continued into October. Several of these bikes have either been unlocked or locked with cable locks.

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September 2004 Selective Incident Summary, September 1—30

- At 0216 hrs, a Campus Safety Officer reported 3 male juveniles hanging out by a dorm. CPD responded and took them into custody for curfew violation until they could contact their parents.
- Kitchen workers reported that they found a stray dog wandering the campus, and have it tied up. Animal Control was notified and responded.
- A laptop computer was taken from a closed, but not locked, trailer while the owner left the room for approximately five minutes.
- A student reported that the wheels to his bike were removed while his bike was locked to a bike rack.
- A fire alarm was activated in a dorm. When Campus Safety Officers arrived, they discovered that a Frisbee hit a sensor and activated the alarm.
- A Campus Safety Officer reported that he stopped a solicitor for a local restaurant. The solicitor entered a dorm room and placed fliers on the couch. The officer advised the solicitor of campus policies, and he was escorted off campus.
- A dean reported hearing firecrackers in the vicinity of a dorm. Campus Safety Officers responded, but were unable to locate any firecrackers or suspicious activity.

- A Campus Safety Officer reported a single vehicle traffic collision. CPD was advised and responded. The student driver reported that he lost control of the vehicle and struck the median, but was not injured.
 - An R/A reported a non-student who was wandering the campus and appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance. Campus Safety Officers responded and determined that he was a student. He was escorted back to his dorm.
 - A Campus Safety Officer observed a vehicle run several stop signs and pull into a campus parking lot. Officers responded to the lot, and observed the driver of the vehicle urinating on the exterior of a dorm. The officers informed the driver that he had run several stop signs, and he responded that he didn't care.
 - At 0325 hrs, a housekeeper reported that she was hearing noises inside her building, as though there was someone inside. Campus Safety Officers responded and checked the building, but did not find anyone inside.
 - A staff member reported that graffiti and obscenities were found written on several whiteboards in an academic building.
 - A staff member reported several items stolen from an on-campus store, and advised that the surveillance camera may have recorded the perpetrator. CPD was advised, and CPD and Campus Safety Officers reviewed the tape.
 - A fire alarm was reported in a dorm. A student told the responding officer that they were moving a couch, which fell and activated the pull station.
- responded and advised the three freshmen of campus policy.
- An intrusion alarm was received for an administrative building. A Campus Safety Officer responded and discovered that housekeepers had entered to empty the trash.
 - An R/A reported a female student is ill, possibly from alcohol poisoning. Campus Safety Officers and paramedics respond, and the student was transported to a nearby hospital.
 - A male student reported three males loitering around a dorm who did not appear to be students. Campus Safety Officers and CPD responded, and warned the three males about trespassing.
 - Several calls were received regarding a fight at a dorm. Campus Safety Officers responded, and saw two vehicles leaving the area. CPD was advised, and responded. An R.A. told officers that she was slapped by two off-campus males, but did not need medical treatment.
 - A student reported his bike stolen from in front of a dorm. Both the bike and the cable lock which was locked to the rack were taken.
 - A Campus Safety Officer reported several students in a locked pool area. The students advised they had climbed the fence to gain access. They were advised of policy, and complied.
 - A female reported hearing someone walking around in a dean's residence, even though the dean was out of town. Campus Safety Officers responded, and made contact with an R/A, who was house-sitting.

- A student reported seeing a male trying to remove a bike from a rack near a dorm. CPD and Campus Safety Officers responded, and the subject was arrested for trespassing.
- A hall director reported seeing two males kicking the heads off of sprinklers, which are now geysers. The Grounds Department was advised.
- A student reported his electric razor was taken from a common area restroom.
- A Campus Safety Officer reported a male subject acting suspiciously in a parking lot. Subject was discovered sleeping in his vehicle. He advised that he was a guest of a student, and did not want to drive under the influence of alcohol, so he decided to “sleep it off” in his car. Officers were unable to contact his host, so CPD responded and warned him of trespassing.
- A male reported 40 unauthorized people on an athletic field, playing soccer. A Campus Safety Officer responded and advised them of policy and they left.
- CPD officers encountered several students pushing a golf cart. Campus Safety Officers responded and warned the students, who dispersed. The owner of the cart later contacted a field officer and was taken to where the cart was stored for safekeeping.
- An officer reported a Campus Safety cart missing. The vehicle was located near a dorm, and appeared undamaged.
- An intrusion alarm was reported for a campus store. Campus Safety Officers responded and discovered a door ajar, but were unable to locate anyone inside the store. The store manager was advised and responded to reset the alarm.
- A staff member reported two males and one female entered a building and took food that had been set out. Campus Safety Officers responded and located two male students fitting the description. The students admitted to taking some food, but denied any wrongdoing.
- At 0243 hrs, a Campus Safety Officer discovered two off campus subjects inside an administrative building. They were warned about trespassing and escorted off campus.
- A fire alarm was received for a student center. Employees at the center’s restaurant advised the Campus Safety Officer that the vent over the grill was not opened, causing the room to become smoky.
- An R/A reported a student consumed a large quantity of alcohol and several aspirin. Campus Safety Officers and paramedics responded, and the on-call dean was notified. The student refused medical treatment, so the R/A and Dean agreed to check on him throughout the night.
- A female student reported after the fact that a male who did not appear to be a student had walked into her suite at 0430 hrs. When her roommate asked what he was doing there, he mumbled something and walked out.
- A student reported that his unlocked bike was stolen from near his dorm.
- A Campus Safety Officer reported that a male student fell and struck the back of his head. The student was bleeding, but refused medical attention or assistance. He returned to his room, and his R/A was notified.
- A fire alarm was activated at a dorm. Campus Safety Officers responded and discovered residue from an expelled fire extinguisher, which was determined to be the cause of activation.

- A female student reported that a window pane in her dorm room had been broken. She stated that nothing was missing, and there were no unusual objects in her room that could have caused the damage.
- A male student requested assistance removing an unruly off-campus male from a party. Campus Safety Officers responded, warned the subject about trespassing, and placed him in the care of his student host.
- An intrusion alarm was received for an athletic center. A Campus Safety Officer responded and discovered that an athletic team returning from a game accidentally activated the alarm.
- An R/A requested assistance breaking up an unauthorized party at a dorm. Campus Safety Officers responded and the group dispersed. Shortly thereafter, the R/A reported that a larger group had gathered. Officers responded and again dispersed the crowd.
- A student reported off-campus subjects causing problems at a dorm party. Campus Safety Officers responded, and recognized the subjects as those involved in an incident the weekend prior. Subjects were warned by CPD regarding trespassing, and were escorted off campus.
- Campus Safety Officers reported a group of four students trying to move a table and chairs from a campus dining hall to another campus. Students were advised of policy, and returned to their campus.
- An intrusion alarm was received for a campus pool. Campus Safety Officers responded and discovered two students in the pool.
- A female student reported seeing smoke rising from a dining hall roof. Campus Safety Officers who responded smelled smoke, but were unable to locate a fire. Officers checked with dining hall workers, who advised that they had lit a wood-burning oven, which possibly caused the smoke.
- A male student reported two males acting suspiciously in a parking lot. Campus Safety Officers did not find anyone matching the description when they responded.
- At 2009 hrs, a student reported a suspicious male in an academic building, possibly trying to break into a classroom. Campus Safety Officers responded, but were unable to locate the subject.
- A female student reported several males fighting near a dorm. Campus Safety Officers and R/As responded and separated the parties.
- A female staff member reported children playing in a fountain. A Campus Safety Officer responded, and returned the children to the custody of their parents.
- A female staff member reported a male without a shirt trick skating near an athletic center. A Campus Safety Officer responded and advised the subject of policy.
- A female staff member requested the response of officers, due to a male student who was angry and acting erratically. Campus Safety Officers responded and met with the student, who was coherent and said he wanted to apologize for his actions. The officers accompanied him back to the staff member, and the student spoke with the staff member and a dean who responded.
- A female student reported that her video camera was removed from inside a backpack left in a dorm hallway.
- A staff member reported that a female student possibly intended to injure herself, and was in an unknown location on one of the campuses. Campus Safety

Officers and the deans and hall directors were advised, and the student was found.

- A female student reported an inappropriate note left on the windshield of her car.
- A female student reported several students seen driving a golf cart unsafely. Campus Safety Officers responded and located five students, some with alcohol, in the cart, pulling a skateboarder. The cart was confiscated.
- An officer reported a loud, unauthorized party in a dorm. Campus Safety Officers responded, and a fire alarm was pulled. A student told the officers that he saw a male student pull the alarm and flee.
- An R/A reported a golf cart parked near a dorm. Campus Safety Officers responded and confiscated it for safekeeping.
- A staff member reported a dog wandering around a campus, limping and acting strangely. A Campus Safety Officer located the animal, but could not approach it. The dog vomited and growled at the people in the area. Humane Society was contacted, but a staff member volunteered to take the animal to a vet.
- A construction worker reported that his skateboard was stolen from the construction site where he was working.
- A staff member reported that a flatbed cart was stolen. Later that evening, a housekeeper on the same campus located it.
- An off-campus woman reported that a male student was using her address to receive mail. She stated that she did not know the student, and is unsure why he is using her address.
- A Campus Safety Officer reported an intoxicated male subject having difficulty standing. The hall director and CPD

responded, and the subject was arrested for outstanding warrants and for being drunk in public.

- An R/A. requested an officer assist in confiscating a key and breaking up an unauthorized party. Campus Safety Officers responded and met with the R/A, who said that the keg was stolen. The party was dispersed, and the R/A secured the keg.
- A staff member reported a male sitting in a truck for an extended period of time. Campus Safety Officers responded and spoke with the subject, who told them he was waiting to pick up his wife and a friend. Officers contact the employees inside the building, who confirmed that they knew the subject.
- An R/A reported a male starting fights with others in the area. Campus Safety Officers responded, and the subject fled to his dorm. The officers and R/A made contact, and a fellow student agreed to look after the subject for the night.
- A hall director reported that an older male punched and broke a glass fire extinguisher case on the exterior of an academic building. Campus Safety Officers responded, but were unable to locate the subject. Maintenance was notified to handle the glass on the ground.
- A female student reported that she had been unable to wake a male student for an hour. Campus Safety Officers and paramedics responded and found the male conscious, but incoherent. The student refused medical attention.
- A male student reported several subjects throwing blocks of wood at a dorm. Campus Safety Officers responded and found several 2x4 blocks of wood in a shopping cart and in the area of the dorm, but were unable to locate those throwing them.

- At 0229 hours, a fire alarm was activated in an academic building. Campus Safety Officers responded and reported a strong odor of marijuana in the air. A door was found unsecured, but the officers were unable to locate anyone inside the building.
- A male student reported his vehicle was damaged.
- A female student reported that cash was taken from her wallet, which was left in an unlocked classroom.
- A female student reported two older males in an altercation in a dorm courtyard. Campus Safety Officers responded, but were unable to locate anyone matching the description given.
- A female student reported that an intoxicated male broke into her suitemate's room, but left when he was told the room was not his. Nothing was taken, but the screen and blinds were damaged.
- A male student reported that four males were verbally threatening him. Campus Safety Officers responded, but were unable to locate the subjects. The student told them that they were the same students with whom he had previously tried to start a fight.
- A deliveryman reported that while he was making a delivery, two males removed over \$50 worth of food from his vehicle.
- A male student reported a female having difficulty breathing. Campus Safety Officers and paramedics responded and found an off-campus female having trouble breathing, and a male student vomiting. The two were evaluated by the paramedics and were advised they did not need hospitalization.
- A fire alarm was activated at a student center. Campus Safety Officers responded and located a female student who told them that she pulled the fire alarm in order to make contact with an officer. The student then requested a ride to an off-campus residence. The student was advised of the severity of tampering with fire equipment, and the hall director and the dean were advised.
- A male student reported he received a telephone call regarding a delivery of a large amount of marijuana. The caller told him that someone had paged the caller from his phone number.
- A male student reported that another student threatened him with a weapon after he reprimanded the student for his actions. The R/A and Deans were advised.
- A dean reported an altercation between two roommates. A Campus Safety Officer responded and took a vandalism report for minor property damage.
- A staff member reported hearing a B.B. or pellet gun firing in the location of a maintenance building, and possibly the sound of pellets hitting the building.
- A student reported a male carrying a bicycle down the steps of a dorm. He told the student it was his bike, but then seemed uncomfortable, and left quickly. Officers responded, but were unable to locate anyone matching the description given.
- A staff member reported that a student from another school came into her office and reported that his bike was stolen. A Campus Safety Officer responded, but the student had left the area, and the employee did not know his name.
- A male student reported two males carrying a female out of a dorm. A Campus Safety Officer responded and discovered that the female was fine. The two males were friends, and they were playing.

- Campus Safety Officers encountered a male with two unleashed dogs at an organic farm. The dogs charged the officers, and the owner was advised of the leash law. He claimed to be a farm worker, but was not named on the approved worker list. The dean was advised.
- A professor reported two scalers stolen from a science building.
- A male student reported someone urinated on his desk and computer while he was asleep. A Campus Safety Officer responded and the student and he decided that the liquid found on the desk was not urine, but water. The student later advised Campus Safety that he still believed the liquid was urine, and a report was filed.
- A female student reported that she received a call from a telemarketer, who proceeded to harass her.
- A student reported his wallet was stolen from his room.
- An officer reported a motorcycle driving on the interior of a campus. He was unable to obtain a license plate number.
- A student reported her purse was stolen from a party.
- At 0339, a female student reported that a male had walked into her room. She told him to leave, and he did so. He returned and was angry and persistent about entering, and she told him go to another suite. A Campus Safety Officer responded, but was unable to locate the male in the dorm.
- A staff member reported a black board mini wedge missing from an administrative building. The next day he discovered that a housekeeper accidentally threw it out with the trash.
- A male student reported that his camera was taken from his pocket during a party.
- A staff member reported athletic equipment taken from a football field.
- A student reported that her phone was taken from where she left it at a party, and her minutes have been used.
- A female student reported that her off-campus friend's vehicle was keyed twice while visiting her.
- A staff member reported a suspicious older male wandering around inside a dining hall claiming to look for a student, but he did not know what campus she attended. A Campus Safety Officer responded and made contact with the male, who was trying to deliver a gift to a family member.
- An R/A reported that he confiscated two bongos. He advised that he did not have a secure area to store them. The dean was advised, and contacted the R/A.
- A student reported his laundry was stolen from a dorm laundry room.
- A female student reported receiving phone calls every day at the same time. When she answered the phone, the caller would hang up. A Campus Safety Officer responded and determined that the calls were computer-generated.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Always make sure you lock your bike, even if you only intend to be gone for a few minutes or if you think you can watch it from where you are. Chain locks are easily defeated or cut, so a U-lock is the best bet.

- When in a group setting or at a party, don't leave personal items lying around. Even if the party is in your own common room or suite, if there are a lot of people in a small area, it is easier for people to take things, especially small, concealable items, without being noticed.
- Remain aware of your surroundings, especially at parties. Thefts off of your person are harder to detect in the hustle and bustle of a crowded party.
- Register your vehicle with Campus Safety. If anything is wrong with your car—lights are left on, a door is open, it is at risk for damage from nearby construction—and your vehicle is not registered, we won't have any way to contact you.

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| Trespass | 1 |
| Vandalism | 1 |
| Other | 0 |

Arrests
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September 2004 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons

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

Crimes Against Property

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| Arson | 0 |
| Burglary | 3 |
| Theft (from vehicle) | 0 |
| Theft (Bike) | 3 |
| Theft (from building) | 7 |
| Theft (Other) | 1 |
| Grand Theft Auto | 0 |