

The Claremont Colleges

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April 2005 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

As the school year draws to a close, it is important to not become lax in good safety habits that one may have developed. The end of the year stresses and indulgences both lead to a lack of clear thinking, which makes an easy target for a criminal looking for his or her next victim.

Several of the thefts from buildings this month were small personal items ranging from a camera to a cell phone to a wallet that were left unattended in dorm courtyards during campus-wide parties. Many of those thefts occurred at the same parties, indicating that there was more intent than a crime of opportunity.

There was a higher rate of both grand theft auto and thefts from a vehicle. It is essential to remember not only to lock your doors, but also to completely roll up all windows and set the car alarm, if your vehicle has one.

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Selective Incident Summary, April 1—30

- A student reported his laptop stolen from his dorm room while he slept. He advised that his door was slightly ajar.
- A student reported that her digital camera and accessories were stolen from her purse.
- Two construction workers reported that their cell phones and chargers were stolen from their unlocked car, along with a wallet and credit cards.
- A contractor reported that two cameras and computerized laser equipment were stolen from a locked trailer, with no signs of forced entry.
- A construction worker reported his iPod and furniture were stolen from his unlocked truck.
- A student reported her bicycle stolen from a rack outside her dorm. The cable lock with which the bike was locked was also stolen.
- A dean reported that a campus tennis court was vandalized. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded, took pictures, and took a report.
- Campus Safety officers reported a male wandering around campus, apparently disoriented. They made contact with the subject, and discovered a glass pipe and a

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pocketknife in his possession. The subject admitted to being under the influence of marijuana. He was escorted off campus.

- A student reported that her laptop was stolen from her locked car.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from an on-campus apartment complex. The cable lock with which it was locked was also stolen.
- At approximately 0115 hrs, a student reported that her unlocked bike was stolen from a bike rack north of her dorm. Shortly thereafter, a Campus Safety officer saw a group loading a bike with a matching description onto an SUV. CPD responded, and arrested three subjects for various reasons. The student responded, identified and recovered her bike.
- A student reported that her laptop and iPod were stolen from her dorm room.
- Two students reported that their purses were stolen from a dorm courtyard while they were at a party.
- A faculty member reported that her tires were slashed. She said that she found a nail in one of her tires, and other incidents regarding vandalism to her vehicle. A Campus Safety officer responded and took a report.
- A student reported that her vehicle was hit while it was parked in a lot. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded and took a hit and run report.
- CPD reported finding a campus owned golf cart off-campus. The cart was recovered, and a report was filed due to damage to the cart.
- A student reported that her unlocked bike was taken from a rack outside her dorm.

She said that several people had been using the bike, including some whom she did not know personally.

- A staff member reported that her purse was stolen from her unlocked and open office.
- A student reported that his laptop was stolen from the unlocked common room of his suite. He suspects certain off-campus guests of another student, but has no further information about them.
- A student reported that his digital camera and accompanying memory stick were stolen from his unlocked room.
- A staff member reported that the rear window to her car was broken. The vehicle was parked on a city street, so both CPD and Campus Safety officers responded. A report was taken, and it was determined that a golf ball found in the back seat of the vehicle may have caused the damage. Nothing was tampered with or missing.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from a rack outside his dorm. The cable lock securing the bike was cut and left at the scene.
- A student reported a pellet-sized hole in the rear driver's side window of his car. No entry or access to the car appeared to be gained.
- A staff member reported that a laptop belonging to the college was stolen from his office.
- A staff member reported that the antenna was removed from her car, which was also keyed.
- A student reported various personal items stolen from her dorm room.
- A student reported that his wallet was stolen from an athletic facility. It had

been left unattended at the basketball court.

- A Campus Safety officer reported several students driving a golf cart belonging to the department. The students were stopped and identified. The student who identified himself as the driver gave a false name and refused to show I.D. CPD responded, properly identified the driver, and arrested him for grand theft auto. The remaining students were advised to return to their campus.
- A staff member reported that a card reader for a dining hall was stolen. The item was later recovered.
- A student reported that his locked, but unalarmed, vehicle was stolen from the street near his dorm. CPD and Campus Safety officers responded and took a report.
- A dean reported that a student's purse was stolen from a lawn near a party.
- An R.A. reported a male subject in a dorm harassing students. Campus Safety officers responded and made contact with a banned ex-student. CPD responded and arrested the subject.
- An off-campus guest of a student reported that a toolbox was stolen from his vehicle while it was parked on campus.
- A staff member reported that his golf cart was stolen from outside his office. Campus Safety officers later located the cart being driven by two off-campus males, who fled the scene. The staff member advised that if they were located, he would prosecute. CPD responded, but officers were unable to locate the subjects. Another staff member reported that he knew one of the subjects. There was minor damage to the cart.
- An R.A. reported that a student's laptop and iPod were stolen from his dorm room.
- A student reported that his dorm room window was broken by a rock. A Campus Safety officer responded and took a vandalism report, and maintenance was contacted to fix the damage.
- A student reported her laptop and iPod stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported an intoxicated male running through campus without a shirt on. Campus Safety officers responded, and located the subject running off-campus in his underwear. CPD was notified, and CPD officers stopped the subject off-campus.
- An officer reported a car with the rear window broken and blood on the roof. There also was a bloody shirt in the area. CPD responded, and advised that the intoxicated male in the previous entry has injured his hand and possibly had caused the damage. A student later reported that the car belonged to her off-campus guest. They were put in contact with CPD.
- Two students reported that their cell phones and a camera were stolen from a dorm courtyard during a party.
- An R.A. reported an intoxicated middle-aged male subject with an open container of alcohol at an athletic field. Campus Safety officers responded, and determined that the subject was drunk in public. CPD responded and arrested the subject.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Never leave personal items unattended in areas where large groups of people are gathered, whether for a party or a meeting. Even if you are in the area, or just going to “dance one song”, keep all valuables on your body, whether in a closed purse or a secured pocket. Do not leave purses open even while you’re sitting next to them. It is too easy for someone to take a seat near you and reach into the purse without your knowledge.
- Keep your keys on a lanyard or other bulky item that will be obvious to you if they are misplaced or removed. Never keep your I.D. and your keys on the same ring – if the thief can find out where you live, your I.D. will give him access to the dorm and keys to your room. In the event that your keys or I.D. are lost or stolen, report it IMMEDIATELY! Your I.D. can be tracked, and your campus will know if someone else is using it. Likewise, the lock on your door will need to be changed to prevent any unwanted visitors.
- If something is stolen, call and report it immediately. If the time of the theft is recent, there is still a chance the perpetrator is on campus, and Campus Safety has a better chance of apprehending him or her and recovering your property.

April 2005 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons

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

Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
Burglary	9
Theft (from vehicle)	4
Theft (Bike)	5
Theft (from building)	7*
Theft (Other)	0
Grand Theft Auto	3**
Trespass	0
Vandalism	7
Other	0

Arrests 6

* Includes dorm courtyards

** Includes theft of campus-owned golf carts

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