

The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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August 2005 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

August was a remarkable quiet month for Campus Safety, in terms of crimes and incidents requiring reports. There have been a number of drug and alcohol offenses since students began returning to campus, but these are being dealt with “in-house” and therefore are not reflected in the statistics summary at the end of this report. The crimes that were reported during August were all crimes against property, as the majority of crimes on-campus are, and most involved unsecured property or areas. Especially during the transitional time at the beginning of the school year, it is important to remember to lock all access points to your dorm or office, and to secure easily concealed and stolen possessions. During the beginning of August, we see a mass exodus of all the students who remained on campus during the summer as they return home for a few weeks before the new school year begins. As the students now return to campus

and become reacquainted with their routine, the number of reports is increasing. This indicates that the low number of reports taken in August is due not to a low number of incidents, but instead to the fact that students simply were not around to notice and report missing belongings. For this reason, we always suggest that students either take their possessions home with them, or have someone in the local area who can check on them daily.

August 2005 Selective Incident Summary, August 1—31

- An off-campus visitor reported that his vehicle was burglarized while parked in an on-campus parking lot. The front passenger window was damaged, and the car stereo and several CDs were stolen.
- A community member reported that an electric weed whacker was stolen from a wilderness area on campus.
- An officer reported seeing a male loading boxes into his car near a construction site. The boxes contained tiles and insulation from the site. The subject was arrested.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from a bike rack near her dorm.
- A student reported that another student and she had money stolen from their rooms. One room was unlocked, and the

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other room was locked, but the balcony door was unlocked.

- An employee reported a suspicious male sitting outside of a closed administrative building. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded, and the subject was arrested for outstanding warrants.
- CPD reported an alcohol-related injury traffic collision. The vehicle struck and damaged some vegetation near a science research area.
- A residence hall employee reported a vehicle parked on a lawn, with suspicious subjects inside. Campus Safety officers responded and found students from a different campus with a bag of marijuana. The appropriate dean was notified, and he escorted the students back to their campus and confiscated the marijuana.
- An off-campus vendor reported that his unsecured air compressor was stolen from in front of an on-campus store.
- A student reported that the front passenger side hubcap was stolen from his vehicle.
- A staff member reported two children playing in a dumpster. Campus Safety officers responded and located a man who had been previously stopped for removing construction materials from campus. He and his children were removing scrap metal from the construction site dumpster. The site manager was unable to be contacted, so the subject returned all the items he had removed and left campus.
- An R.A. reported that he confiscated marijuana from a group of students, and a hookah from another room. The items were turned over to the on-call Dean.
- An R.A. reported an intoxicated student acting belligerently and touching female students inappropriately. Campus Safety officers responded, and discovered that the male student was from a different campus. An R.A. from the male student's campus met with officers and took the student back to his room, and his dean was advised. The reporting party said that no one wanted to press charges.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Lock any and all entrances to your dorm or office. This includes windows and balcony entrances as well as the main door.
- Do not allow your room to be a gathering place when you are not present. You may trust your friends, but that doesn't mean that you know or trust your friends' friends. If your roommate is going to have a social gathering, be sure to lock down any and all expensive belongings and place them out of sight.
- If you see someone acting intoxicated or under the influence, do NOT approach the person. Call Campus Safety at x72000 and give the dispatcher a description of the person and his or her direction of travel.
- If someone you do not know enters your room, call Campus Safety IMMEDIATELY. There have already been reports this year of people entering rooms under false pretenses and possibly committing thefts. Do not accept excuses such as "I was looking for my friend" or "Sorry, wrong room." If the person has a

legitimate purpose on campus and made an honest mistake, Campus Safety can sort that out with them.

- Do not accept rides or invitations into rooms of people you do not know well. Remember, acquaintances are just strangers with names. If something does happen, call Campus Safety and report it immediately.
- Use the escort service if you do not feel safe or comfortable for any reason.

August 2005 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons

Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Battery	0
Disturbance	0
Hate Crime	0
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
Other	0

Crimes Against Property

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

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