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December 2005 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

Considering that the campuses have been relatively empty for half of this month, there have been several reports and incidents. While most of the reports were filed before Winter Break started, the campuses have been quite active with off-campus subjects during the break. There have been several burglary reports made this month, and while burglaries for December of this year are higher than 2004, with 10 burglaries as compared to 6, the trends do not indicate that any particular area is being impacted more heavily than others. Several campuses each had 2 or 3 burglaries, with very little similarity between the crimes.

Thefts have decreased from 8 last year to 3 this year. This includes a decrease in bike thefts, from 5 in December of 2004, and 10 in November of 2005 to 2 this month. Both of those bicycles were locked, one with a cable lock, and one with an unknown type of lock. As frequently happens, the off-campus presence has increased while the students are gone for break. Three arrests were made, one for prowling and attempting to gain entry to a dorm.

Of the 6 dorm thefts reported this month, two were in unlocked dorms, and two were in common areas. One victim reported that he did not know if his room was locked or unlocked, because his roommate and friends were going in and out of the room while he slept. This underlines the importance of drawing up an agreement between all roommates regarding proper security measures, as well as responsibility for guests invited into a dorm. The sixth victim reported that his dorm room door was locked, but could be opened if pulled on hard enough. As always, if your room has maintenance issues preventing proper safety, call maintenance immediately and have the situation resolved.

Of the three office thefts, two were from unlocked offices. In one of these two cases, the victim and co-workers saw the suspect leaving the area, and were able to recover the stolen item. The third office theft involved several locked offices that were pried open.

Unfortunately, the decreased number of reports cannot be entirely attributed to better patrol and prevention techniques. January and February usually show an increase in property related crimes, as students return from break and file reports for belongings discovered to be missing.

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December 2005 Selective Incident Summary, December 1—31

- A student reported that his vehicle was hit while parked near an academic building. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded and took a report.
- A staff member reported that his moped was stolen from the lot near an athletic facility. The employee later reported that a football coach had been playing a joke on him and had hidden the moped in an office.
- A student reported that another student was punched in the face while at a student center. The victim told the responding Campus Safety officer that a male introduced himself, and while he was shaking the victim's hand, he punched the victim in the face with his other hand.
- A student reported that various power tools were stolen from a locked suite common room.
- A staff member reported that a dining hall had been into and vandalized. There were no signs of forced entry on the exterior doors, but an interior kitchen door had been kicked in and broken. Dining hall employees were unable to determine if anything had been taken.
- A student reported that her laptop and cell phone had been stolen from an unlocked women's resource center. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded, but were unable to lift any viable fingerprints.
- A student reported his laptop stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A staff member reported that \$65 in cash was stolen from his wallet, which he had left in an unlocked locker in an athletic facility locker room.
- An athletic director reported that an athletic facility was burglarized. Several offices had pry marks on the doors. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded, dusted for fingerprints, and took a report. Various office and computer equipment was stolen.
- A student reports that her bicycle and the cable lock that was securing it were stolen from near her dorm room.
- A student reported that her cable-locked bicycle was stolen from a rack near a student center.
- A student reported that his card carrier, including a driver's license, student I.D., credit card, and twenty dollars in cash, was stolen from his dorm room while he was asleep. The credit card had several fraudulent charges. The student stated that he did not know if his room was locked or unlocked, due to traffic through the room by his roommate.
- A staff member reported that her purse, containing approximately \$2000 in cash and \$600 worth of jewelry, was stolen from an unlocked storage area at a student eatery.
- A student reported a male was causing problems in a dorm room near hers. Campus Safety officers responded, and located a male fitting the reporting party's description near the dorm and an intoxicated, distraught female student near the reporting party's room. The subject claimed to have been visiting the female student. His information was recorded, and he was escorted off-

campus. Professional staff responded, due to a concern of possible sexual assault. The female student was interviewed by the Claremont Police, who took an incident report. The male subject was subsequently banned from campus.

- A student reported that her car had been vandalized. There was an 8' scratch along the driver's side panel.
- A student reported that her purse and cell phone were stolen from an unlocked suite common area.
- A student reported that two empty pony kegs were stolen from an exterior dorm courtyard.
- An officer reported that a suspicious male walking a bike through campus. The officer approached the subject, who had no I.D. He had been previously stopped on campus and warned about private property boundaries. CPD officers responded, and the subject was arrested for trespassing.
- A faculty member reported that a co-worker was chasing a subject who stole a camera from an unlocked office. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded and located the suspect, who was arrested for burglary. Several other pieces of electronic equipment, as well as drug paraphernalia, were found in the suspect's vehicle.
- A student reported that a PSII, various video games, and a DVD were stolen from an unlocked dorm lounge.
- A professor reported that a digital camera and the accompanying case were stolen from his unlocked office.
- Two common-use student service buildings reported that eggs were thrown at the front doors.
- A building manager reported that he asked three off-campus subjects to leave. They then proceeded to the parking lot, where they started drinking. A Campus Safety officer responded, and determined that one subject was a Pomona employee with two guests. The subjects left the area.
- A student reported that \$400 in cash was stolen from his locked dorm room while he was asleep. No signs of forced entry were found.
- A 2250 hours, a Campus Safety officer reported finding two off-campus subjects in a restricted wilderness area. Both subjects were minors, and CPD responded, cited the subjects for curfew violation, and escorted them to the police station.
- A staff member reported that a package containing an iPod armband had been stolen from a lobby counter. The item was later anonymously returned.
- A Campus Safety officer reported hearing arguing near a student center. Responding Campus Safety officers made contact with a taxi driver and two intoxicated off-campus males who refused to pay the fee. A CPD officer responded, and the subjects paid their fare. Both subjects were advised of private property boundaries and trespassing laws, and they were escorted off-campus.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a suspicious male walking by south campus dorms, casing bike racks and trying to gain entry to a locked dorm.

The officer made contact with the subject, who had no I.D., and who then fled. Several CPD officers responded, and the subject was arrested for prowling on private property and being under the influence of narcotics.

- A Campus Safety officer reported a group of off-campus subjects acting suspiciously in a parking lot. Campus Safety officers determined that the subjects, including two female juveniles, had been smoking marijuana. Two CPD officers responded, and released the subjects with a warning.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Draw up an agreement with all roommates or members of your suite. Agree on issues such as locking the doors and windows, and being responsible for any guests brought into the area.
- Do not allow your room to be a gathering place when you are not present or when you are asleep. 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.
- Do not accompany a newly met acquaintance back to his or her room, or invite him or her back to yours. Acquaintances are just strangers with names, and there is a high risk of sexual assault or bodily harm, as well as property theft.
- Be sure that you know your off-campus guests well enough to take responsibility for them. Review your student handbook

regarding your campus' specific rules regarding guests of students.

- Find out where your campus has surveillance cameras. If your office area or dorm has been suffering from several thefts, discuss the issue with maintenance and ask about putting in a camera.
- Do not leave expensive equipment in the common area of your dorm or suite. These areas often have heavy foot traffic, and doors are often left unlocked or propped open.
- Be aware of your rights if you do become the victim of a crime. Report the crime immediately, and discuss your options for prosecuting the perpetrator if s/he is found with the responding officer or your dean.
- Use the escort service if you do not feel safe or comfortable for any reason.

December 2005 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons	
Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Battery	1
Disturbance	0
Hate Crime	0
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
Other	1
Crimes Against Property	
Arson	0
Burglary	10
Theft (from vehicle)	0
Theft (Bike)	2
Theft (from building)	0
Theft (Other)	1
Grand Theft Auto	0
Forgery	0
Trespass	1
Vandalism	1
Other	2
Arrests	3

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