

The Claremont Colleges

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February 2005 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

There has been an increase in the number of burglaries and bike thefts compared to years past. The southernmost campuses are the hardest hit by bike thefts, possibly due to their proximity to the Village and the relative ease with which a thief can move off-campus. Every bike that was stolen this month was either left unlocked, or was locked with a cable lock. In addition, several cable locks that have not been connected with specific bike theft reports were found cut and left by bike racks. There appears to be a rise in the number of thefts, both bike and otherwise, that are occurring during the daytime. Several bikes were stolen from outside academic buildings or dining halls when the owners left their bikes unlocked because they were just running in for a “few minutes.” Campus Safety was recently contacted by a community member who reported having been told by a local man that he routinely comes to the campuses to steal

bikes, and that his job is to steal. CPD was put into contact with the reporting party, but it is a definite reminder that, even if every student and staff member on the campuses is honorable and trustworthy, we are still vulnerable to outside forces.

February 2005 Selective Incident Summary, February 1-28

- An employee reported that a professor confronted a male in his office. The man left, and then the professor discovered that his laptop computer was missing. The housekeepers located the subject near a different academic building, but lost contact when he entered a different campus. CPD and Campus Safety officers responded, but were unable to locate the subject.
- A student reported that her locked bicycle, which was inside a locked bike shed, was stolen. She later found it parked at a different bike rack.
- A housekeeper reported that a co-worker was physically harassing her for several months. After she reported the treatment to a supervisor and the supervisor spoke with the second subject, the housekeeper

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reported that the co-worker violently confronted her and threatened to beat her up. CPD and Campus Safety officers responded, and CPD took a report and statements from witnesses.

- A faculty member reported that her bike light and attachment were stolen from her bike while it was parked at an exterior bike rack.
- A student reported her bicycle was stolen while parked inside a bike shed.
- A Campus Safety officer reported witnessing a truck back into another vehicle and then drive away. A partial plate was obtained before the vehicle drove away. CPD responded and took a report.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from a rack outside an academic building. The bicycle was locked with a cable lock.
- A student reported to a Campus Safety officer that he saw someone removing items from the interior of his car. Campus Safety officers checked the area, and located the subject at the same time that the student did. The student told the officers that he would not press charges if he could get his items back, at which time the student approached the subject and was given his property back. The subject then ran from the area. A Campus Safety officer observed the student conceal a weapon in his waistband. CPD responded, and the student was arrested.
- A female student reported that a male student had been harassing her. He continued to call her and show up at her residence after being told to not. A report was filed, and the deans were notified.
- A student reported that his iPod was stolen from his unlocked dorm room. The item was later recovered.
- A student reported that his iPod and various accessories were stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A staff member reported that her office was burglarized. Her desk drawers were rifled through and her IBM PDA was stolen. Several other offices on the same floor were also ransacked. A male subject was seen entering the building as the staff left for lunch. CPD and Campus Safety officers responded and took a report.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from a rack outside a dorm.
- A professor reported that her wallet, with miscellaneous contents, was stolen from her locked office.
- A student reported that his laptop computer was stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A staff member reported an off-campus male wandering around the campuses looking for a female staff member. The staff member advised that she did not want to have any contact with the man. Campus Safety officers located the subject, and CPD responded. The man was advised to stay away from the female employee and off the campuses, and was escorted off campus.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from a rack outside an academic building. The bicycle was locked with a cable lock.
- A dean reported a film splicer stolen from a theater audiovisual room. The dean advised that a different college's campus

police had recovered the splicer after arresting a local burglar.

- A student reported that his laptop was stolen from his dorm room. The door room was unlocked and heavily trafficked by students picking up advertised items.
- A student reported that her digital camera and memory card were stolen from her locked dorm room. Based on items that had been moved around, the student suspected that the thief entered through her open window.
- A staff member reported seeing a vehicle drive into the middle of a quad, hit something, and drive away. Campus Safety officers and CPD responded and took a report and pictures of the scene.
- A staff member reported that a door in an academic building was vandalized. Six white lines were drawn on the door in white paint.
- A dean reported that a bust was stolen from a common area lounge. The bust was pulled off of the pillar to which it was screwed.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a male subject who appeared to be casing vehicles in a parking lot. After seeing the officer, the subject attempted to leave campus. CPD responded, and it was determined that the subject had been stopped previously and advised about trespassing. The subject was arrested for trespassing, and a 5" blade was found on his person.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from a bike rack at his dorm. The cable lock used to secure the bike was cut.
- A student reported that her locked bicycle was stolen from outside an academic building.
- A student reported that an off-campus female subject has been repeatedly harassing her through Internet messenger clients and phone calls. Campus Safety officers and CPD responded and took a report. The responding CPD officer advised the student to obtain a restraining order against the subject.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from a rack outside an academic building.
- A Campus Safety officer reported seeing three suspicious subjects in a truck parked near an academic building. Two of the three told the officer that they had business in the building, but they would be back. CPD arrived and determined that the vehicle was stolen. The subject still with the vehicle was arrested, as was one of the two subjects who left the scene when he was located off campus later that day. They had been trying to steal a piece of construction equipment located in the area.
- A student reported that her unlocked bicycle was stolen from a bicycle rack outside a dorm.
- An employee reported vandalism to an office in an academic building. The employee reported several drawings, including an offensive image of Osama Bin Laden, drawn on the back of an office door.
- A student reported her unlocked bicycle stolen from a rack outside a dining hall.
- A student reported that her unlocked bicycle was stolen from a rack outside her dorm.

- A staff member reported a TV/DVD combination stolen from a locked administrative office.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Even if you do not drive your vehicle every day, make sure to check it daily. This can prevent a build-up of citations, as well as protect your vehicle from repeated thefts.
- Do NOT allow “follow-throughs” into dorms or any other secured building. If a person has legitimate business, they will have a way to access the building on their own. Guests should be met at the door by their hosts, who should accompany them at all times.
- Use U-locks to lock bicycles. This month, at just one of the campus bike racks, four cable locks were found cut and left at the scene, and the majority of the bike thefts resulted in a defeated cable lock.
- Close and lock your dorm or office door whenever you leave it. This will not only prevent thefts, but will also prevent the danger of someone lying in wait inside your room when you return. If you have an adjoining bathroom, make sure your suitemates behave accordingly. Common bathrooms are a common entry point.
- Register your bicycle with Campus Safety, or Claremont City Hall. Registration costs six dollars, and it records vital information like serial numbers.

- Call Campus Safety anytime, for an escort if you ever feel unsafe.
- If your car radio/CD player has a faceplate, do not store it in the vehicle. Thieves are less likely to remove equipment that they cannot use or sell.
- Never leave your bike unlocked, even for just a minute. On at least two occasions in February, students left their bikes for “just a few minutes” to run inside a building, only to return and find their bikes stolen. Bike thieves are trolling the campus, watching and waiting for such actions.

February 2005 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons

Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	1
Disturbance	0
Harassment	1
Hate Incident	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)	10
Theft (from building)	2
Theft (Other)	0

Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	1
Vandalism	1
Other	0
Arrests	4

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