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May 2005 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

As was the case last month, May has seen a higher rate of vandalisms than in years past. Unlike April, however, the majority of the vandalisms this month did not involve cars being “keyed.” Several windows, on buildings and on vehicles, were broken or damaged, although access was not always gained.

As is common during the end of the school year, there were a number of burglaries and thefts, mostly from unlocked dorm rooms or vehicles.

While it may seem convenient, especially during move-out to leave rooms and vehicles unlocked, it is far more **in**convenient to have your personal belongings stolen.

A bad trend we have seen, both in the days leading up to graduation and once the number of students has decreased, is that of thefts carried out by reaching into a room. Remember, your valuables should always be locked up, and especially should never be within reaching distance of the door or window!

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Selective Incident Summary, May 1—31

- A student reported that her laptop was stolen from her unlocked dorm room while she was asleep. She advised that her suite door and room door were both propped open.
- A student reported that her bike, which was cable locked to a rack outside an academic building, was stolen.
- A staff member reported that sixty dollars was stolen from an unlocked cashier’s box at a dining hall. The money was later found in a trashcan in a nearby bathroom.
- A student reported that her off-campus boyfriend’s vehicle was vandalized. The rear window is broken and there is blood on the hood.
- A staff member reported that there were gouge and scratch marks around the locks on several academic office doors. She did not know if entry was gained, but nothing appeared to be taken.
- A student reported that a digital camera, purse, and a jewelry box with jewelry were taken from her unlocked dorm room. A housekeeper later located the jewelry box and contents in a trashcan.
- A student reported that her car was vandalized while parked on a campus street. The rear passenger side window

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was broken.

- A student requested assistance with a fellow student who was intoxicated. Campus Safety officers responded, and encountered two additional students who were intoxicated and interfering. CPD responded, and the two students became aggressive and confrontational with the CPD officers. The subjects were arrested.
- A student reported that her unlocked bicycle was stolen from outside of a dining hall.
- A student reported that wallets belonging to a friend and himself had been stolen from an interior basketball court. The wallets were later recovered from nearby bushes with all contents except the money.
- A student reported a serious accident at a campus intersection. Campus Safety, CPD, and LACFD responded. Several students were transported for serious injuries, and the driver of the vehicle was arrested for drunk driving.
- A student reported two of her paychecks were stolen from the mailroom. An unknown party forged her name and cashed the checks. Campus Safety and CPD responded and took a report.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from outside of his dorm.
- A student reported that she allowed an unknown female to use her cell phone for an emergency call after a traffic accident, and the female disappeared without returning the phone.
- A staff member reported receiving emails with veiled threats, possibly directed at

an alumna. He believes he also knows who sent the emails. Campus Safety and CPD responded and took a report. The alumna was contacted, and she advised she would contact her local police department as well.

- A student reported a male subject asking students if he could sleep in a dorm lounge. Campus Safety officers responded and located the subject, who had no I.D. CPD responded and arrested the subject.
- A student reported that her car, which was parked on a campus street, was vandalized. On the front passenger side door, there was a dent with a footprint in it.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a vehicle with its left rear tire missing. Part of the hubcap was on the ground and the jack was still under the axle. The registered owner of the vehicle was contacted, and he reported that he was unaware of the missing tire. A theft report was filed.
- A Campus Safety officer reported seeing a banned ex-student near a campus library. CPD also responded, and the subject was arrested for trespassing.
- A student reported that her locked car was burglarized and various personal items were taken.
- A student reported her locked bike missing from a rack outside of her dorm.
- A dean reported that a professor's vehicle was vandalized. A Campus Safety officer responded and saw three scratch marks, one along the hood and two along the driver's side doors.

- A coach reported that his laptop had been stolen from his locked office at an athletic center.
- A student reported that her locked bicycle was stolen from outside her dorm.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from a rack near an academic building.
- CPD officers reported that they tried to make a traffic stop, and the driver fled on foot onto campus. Campus Safety officers responded and located the driver, a student, who was arrested for DUI.
- A student reported that his bicycle and the chain lock that was used to secure it were stolen from a rack near his dorm.
- A student reported that her cell phone and a bottle of prescription medicine were stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported CD books and various audio CDs stolen from his unlocked vehicle.
- A student reported that his iPod and various peripherals were stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported a loud party at an on-campus apartment. Campus Safety officers responded and shut the party down. Shortly thereafter, another student called both CPD and Campus Safety and filed a similar complaint. CPD and Campus Safety officers responded, and one off-campus subject was arrested for trespassing and being drunk in public.
- A proctor reported that a banned ex-student was loitering inside a dorm lounge. CPD and Campus Safety officers responded and the ex-student was arrested.
- A student reported an older male wandering around the campus and appeared to be under the influence. A Campus Safety officer reported that he was dancing in front of an outdoor stage. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded, and the subject was arrested.
- A student reported that her locked dorm room was burglarized. The door frame was broken, and it appeared that the suspect broke the door down to gain entry. A laptop and a digital camera were taken.
- A professor reported that his bicycle was stolen from outside of an academic building. The combination lock with which it was locked was picked and left in the bushes.
- A student reported that her purse was stolen from an open conference room in a student center. With the exception of the wallet and contents, all items in the purse were located in a nearby restroom and returned to the owner.
- A student reported that his locked bicycle was stolen from a rack north of his dorm.
- A student reported that various electronic items were stolen from his unlocked dorm room. Also stolen was a cell phone belonging to another student.
- A student reported that over five thousand dollars worth of items were stolen from his unlocked dorm room. CPD and Campus Safety officers responded and took a report.
- A student reported that the glass window to his dorm room was broken. A Campus Safety officer responded, and was unable to locate any thrown objects that may have accidentally caused the damage. Another student in the area reported having heard glass break approximately a half-hour prior. A vandalism report was filed.

- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from a rack near his dorm.
- A building attendant reported that a glass window of a dorm was broken, and the suspect could have reached through and opened the door. A Campus Safety officer responded and took a burglary report. The lead building attendant for the dorm reported that nothing was missing, although a desk in the lobby was rifled through.
- A staff member reported that a music building was broken into. A combination lock and accompanying locker where an instrument was stored was damaged, but no access to the locker was gained.
- A staff member reported that a generator was stolen out of the bed of a contractor's truck. It had been locked to the truck with a chain and lock, which was cut and left at the scene.
- A Campus Safety officer reported seeing several males loading furniture into a truck. A second Campus Safety officer discovered vandalism in a dorm room near where the furniture was removed from, and a matching pen was found on the person of one of the suspects. CPD responded, and the three subjects were arrested for burglary and vandalism.
- A student reported that twenty minutes prior, two males had reached into her window and stolen her laptop. Campus Safety officers responded, but were unable to locate the two subjects.
- A student reported that the rear passenger window to her locked car was broken and several personal items, including a laptop, were stolen.
- A student reported that an unknown subject bent and possibly tried to remove her car's antenna.
- A student reported that her pearl earrings were stolen from her unlocked dorm room. She later discovered that several graduation gifts had been stolen as well.
- A staff member reported that a containment wall near an auditorium was "tagged" with grease pen graffiti.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Just because it is summertime, and there are fewer students on campus, do not let yourself fall into bad habits. It is crucial, especially with fewer peers around, to keep your doors and windows locked at all times. Many of the thieves who prey on these campuses know that school is out, and expect to have easier access to any belongings left behind.
- Report dumpster divers. Not only is it against school policy, but often times people who are on campus looking for free items do not limit their search to the dumpsters and obviously discarded items. For that matter, don't dumpster dive. Yes, it may be a shame that that couch is being thrown away, but **it's not your's!**
- Whether you are remaining on campus for all, part, or none of the summer months, think seriously about if you want to leave your bicycle outside. If you are leaving campus, even just for a short time, be sure to store it in a secure storage area, or take it home with you. If you intend to stay on campus, check on it every day. And please, please, lock it with a U-lock.

- If your car is going to be on campus, be sure to alert both Campus Safety and your deans to its presence. If you are leaving your car here, but you are not staying, leave a set of keys with a trusted friend who is either on campus or who lives nearby. Have them check on the car daily, and make sure Campus Safety knows how to reach them. If construction or other situations arise where the vehicle needs to be moved, a local person with keys can prevent your car being towed.
- If someone who you do not recognize enters your dorm or office, and upon seeing someone inside quickly apologizes and leaves, call Campus Safety immediately. It could have been an innocent mistake, but it is just as likely that that person was casing the area.

Forgery	1
Trespass	3
Vandalism	8
Other	0
Arrests	10

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Crimes Against Persons

Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Battery	0
Disturbance	3
Hate Crime	0
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
Other	0

Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
Burglary	10
Theft (from vehicle)	5
Theft (Bike)	9
Theft (from building)	3
Theft (Other)	2
Grand Theft Auto	0