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October 2005 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

As always, burglaries from dorms and unlocked offices remain high. Burglaries are slightly higher than they have been in the past, with 12 this year as compared to 9 in 2004 and 8 in 2002. Bike thefts, however, have decreased dramatically. Only 4 bicycles were reported stolen in October of 2005. Comparatively, October of 2002 saw 17 bike thefts, and last year, 10 bike theft reports were filed in October. Even last month, 15 bikes were stolen. This decrease in bike thefts is heartening, because it is clear from experience that the number of bike thieves is not decreasing. Thus, the best explanation for the decrease in reports is that bike owners are taking a more proactive approach to bike theft prevention. Of those four bike theft reports, two were unlocked, one was locked with a cable lock, and one was locked with a U-lock. The U-lock had been broken, and left at the scene.

Of the 16 burglaries and thefts from buildings reported in October, 11 involved dorm rooms. 6 of these 11 were unlocked dorms, 1 had a locked door, but an unlocked window, and 3 involved items stolen from common areas. Only 1 report involved an area that was entirely secured, and that area could grant access with an appropriate slide card. As usual, the most commonly stolen items were laptops, although purses/wallets containing cash also were targeted.

The six vandalisms reported this month are significantly higher than the 2 reported during October last year, but are about average with statistics for the rest of this year. The majority of the vandalisms this month involved either damage to parked and unattended vehicles or “social commentary” written on building walls.

October 2005 Selective Incident Summary, October 1—31

- A student reported that an unknown suspect created a circular crack in the windshield of her car while it was parked in a lot.
- A delivery person reported that a banner on the exterior of a dorm was on fire. Responding Campus Safety officers reported that the fire had burnt out, and that the banner was completely destroyed. A student in the area gave the

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names of two students involved in the incident.

- A student reported that her laptop was stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that her purse, wallet, and keys were stolen from an unlocked truck.
- A student reported that his headlight and bike pump were stolen from his locked bicycle near an academic building.
- A student reported that her unsecured longboard was stolen from outside of an academic building.
- A building manager reported several off-campus juveniles playing pool in a recreation room. Campus Safety officers responded, and determined that the subjects were breaking curfew, so CPD was notified. The subjects drove away before CPD arrived, and the license plate was given to CPD.
- A student reported that her vehicle was dented while parked. A Campus Safety officer responded, and determined that the vehicle was parked on a city street near an academic building when the hit-and-run occurred. CPD responded and took the report.
- CPD reported that an officer on-campus located a possible auto burglary. A Campus Safety officer responded and met with the victim. The passenger side window was broken, and the disc radio and various CDs in a CD binder were stolen.
- A staff member reported a suspicious male walking through dorms, knocking on doors and asking to use a phone. Campus Safety officers responded and located the subject, who had no I.D. CPD responded, and the subject was arrested for trespassing.
- A housekeeper reported a suspicious male near an academic building. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subject refused to show I.D and was possibly intoxicated. CPD responded, and escorted the subject off-campus.
- Glendora Police Department reported having arrested a subject with two Pomona I.D. cards on his person. The students in question were contacted, and it was determined that one I.D. card had been lost, and the other, along with attached keys, had been stolen but not reported. Several keys located on his person were later identified as belonging to Pomona College.
- A coach reported that two students' wallets had been stolen from unlocked lockers. One student later discovered unauthorized charges on his credit card.
- A staff member reported her shoulder bag was stolen from her unlocked office. The bag was later recovered in a dumpster off-campus, with most of the contents intact.
- An R.A. reported an intoxicated off-campus male in a dorm, attempting to fight with a student. Campus Safety officers responded and located both the student and the off-campus male. The student reported that the male was pulling something off of an R.A.'s door. CPD responded, and the subject was arrested for public intoxication.
- A facilities employee reported that a dark-colored vehicle pulled up behind his, and via a megaphone, ordered him to get out of his vehicle and get down on his knees. He refused to comply, since the vehicle was neither Campus Safety nor CPD. Campus Safety and CPD

responded to check the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle. CPD advised that a similar situation, with a matching vehicle description, had occurred in the City of Pomona less than an hour before.

- An officer reported a naked male subject running through a party. The subject was determined to be an intoxicated student from a different campus. The student was escorted from the party, but returned several times. The appropriate dean was called, and the dean authorized CPD response. CPD responded and the student was arrested for public intoxication.
- A student reported that a pickup truck was driving over bushes in a parking lot, chasing her friends and her. The driver appeared to be intoxicated. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded, but were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Two students reported that their laptops, an iPod, and a Playstation II console with a game and peripherals were stolen from their locked dorm room. The windows had been left open, and the screens on the windows were cut and removed to gain access.
- A student reported that she and a roommate had various personal items, including medicines and toiletries, CDs, DVDs, and alcohol, stolen from a common lounge area of their dorm.
- An officer reported seeing a subject previously arrested for trespassing walking near a library. CPD was notified, and the subject was again arrested for trespassing.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near an administrative building. The lock had been broken and discarded on the ground.
- A staff member reported graffiti near the entrance to an academic building. Campus Safety officers responded and due to the nature of the graffiti, requested that the dean and CPD respond. CPD determined that the graffiti was too general to be considered a hate crime, but the dean requested that a Bias Related Incident report be made. Facilities responded and clean up the vandalism.
- A staff member reported that an unlocked fire bollard was stolen from near an athletic building.
- A student employee reported that another student stole a bottle of water from a student store. The student employee followed the subject and obtained his name and his I.D. to pay for the water. After consulting with the deans, the employee decided to handle the situation in-house.
- A student reported that his laptop was stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A student employee reported two walkie talkies stolen from a locked office.
- A student reported that his keyring, including car and dorm room keys, were stolen from his unlocked dorm.
- A student reported that the front driver's side tire was stolen off of his vehicle.
- A student reported that his laptop and case were stolen from an unlocked classroom. The student later recovered the items from a housekeeper.
- An employee reported that an urn decorating a walkway was pushed out of its setting and cracked.
- A student reported that her vehicle was keyed and the windshield was cracked.

- A student reported that his unlocked bike was stolen from near his dorm.
- A housekeeper reported that as he drove past an academic building, he saw someone jump into the bushes and hide. Campus Safety officers responded, and the subject fled off-campus. CPD officers responded and located the subject, who had been stopped on campus several time previously. CPD warned the subject against returning to campus.
- An employee reported that several books were stolen from a bookstore. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded. Employees had a description of both the subject and his vehicle, as well as images on the surveillance cameras.
- A student reported that several DVDs were stolen from a common lounge area in her dorm.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from outside his dorm.
- A student reported that her keys, school ID, and some cash were missing from her room. She later reported that a box of bangles had also been stolen.
- An employee turned in a bag that a student left behind in a dining hall. The employee said that a co-worker saw another student rifling through the bag. The student claimed her property, and reported that forty dollars was missing.
- A student reported that three packs of cigarettes were stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A staff member reported a person sleeping on the sidewalk outside of a facilities building. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subject refused to show ID. CPD officers responded, and warned the subject that the colleges are private property and that he could be arrested if he returned.
- A student reported that his bike and the cable lock with which it was secured were stolen from a rack outside his dorm.
- A student reported that the driver's side rear panel to his vehicle was dented while parked in a lot near an administrative building.
- A student reported that his skateboard was stolen from inside his unlocked dorm room.
- A housekeeper reported that a sign in a dorm was vandalized.
- A student reported that several unauthorized charges were made to her credit card. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded, and took a report.
- A student reported that various toiletries were stolen from a shared bathroom.
- A student reported finding a swastika drawn on a wall in a dining hall. Upon investigation, a second swastika was found drawn on a door inside the hall. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded, and CPD took a hate crime report.
- A student reported that another student jumped on her car and hit it with a foam bat. Campus Safety and CPD responded, and Campus Safety took an incident report.
- An officer reported an intoxicated, combative male shoved a Campus Safety officer while being escorted out of the party. The subject was subsequently arrested for battery and for public intoxication.
- A student reported seeing a subject running through an athletic field. The

subject became combative with the student, and dropped a box containing various vehicle parts. The parts were turned over to Campus Safety.

- A student reported an older subject lying on the grass near a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subject had no ID and gave multiple names. CPD responded, and the subject was arrested for trespassing.
- A student reported that her vehicle was struck while parked on a street near a library. The vehicle suffered medium dents and scratches to the driver's side rear side panel. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded and took a property damage report.
- A student reported that the passenger side window to her vehicle was broken while it was parked in a gated lot.
- A student reported a distraught and injured woman in a campus parking lot near a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded, and the victim, who had facial injuries, told them that she had been injured by a male in a convertible. The victim also said that she had multiple warrants. CPD and paramedics responded, and the victim was transported to the hospital. No one matching the description of the male was located in the area.
- An employee reported that one of the tires on her vehicle was slashed.
- A student reported several males possibly trying to take a locked bike in a parking lot. Campus Safety officers responded, and the subjects left the bike and headed off campus onto city streets. CPD officers responded and warned the

subjects about campus boundaries. The bike was recovered for safekeeping.

Things to Consider

This month, Campus Safety encountered several incidents with students who were breaking the law, possibly without even realizing the severity of their actions. Remember, in some cases, there is a fine line between a prank and a crime, and it is usually the *victim* who makes the determination. Below are some not so “harmless fun” activities, and the penal codes they may be violating:

- **Burning of papers or banners**—Arson (Penal Code 451), Unlawfully Causing a Fire (Penal Code 452(d))
- **Running naked through the campuses/a party**—Indecent Exposure (314 P.C.), also carries the potential of felony and making you a registered sex offender for the rest of your life.
- **Borrowing furniture/laptops/friends' belongings without their knowledge**—Theft (484(a) P.C.), Grand Theft (487(a) P.C.), Burglary (459 P.C.)
- **Joyriding on campus golfcarts**—Grand Theft Auto (California Vehicle Code 10851), a felony offense
- **Excessive Drinking**—Drunk in Public (647(f) P.C.), Driving Under the Influence (23152(a) CVC), also carries a risk of alcohol poisoning and hospitalization, Drinking Alcohol in Public (Claremont Municipal Code 9.23.010)
- **Underaged Drinking**—Provision of Alcohol to and Consumption of Alcohol by Underage People (Claremont Municipal Code 25658(a) and (b)),

- Public Possession of Alcohol by Underaged People (CMC 25662(a)), Furnishing Fake IDs (CMC 25660.5), Use of Fake IDs (CMC 25661)
- **Discharging a Fire Extinguisher or Pulling a Fire Pull Station**—Tampering with Fire Equipment (148.4(a) P.C.)
 - **Fighting**—Assault (240 P.C.), Battery (242 P.C.), Assault with a Deadly Weapon (245 P.C.)
 - **Getting “High”**—Possession of a Controlled Substance (Health and Safety Code 11350), Possession or Purchase for Sale of a Controlled Substance (11351 H&S), Adult Inducing Minor to Violate Provisions (11353 H&S), Unauthorized Possession of Marijuana (11357 H&S), Unauthorized Planting, Cultivation, pr Processing (11358 H&S), Possessing Device for Smoking Controlled Substance (11364 H&S), Presence Where Controlled Substance Unlawfully Smoked or Used (11365 9H&S)

October 2005 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons

Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Battery	2
Disturbance	3
Hate Crime*	2
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
Other	0

Crimes Against Property

Arson	1
Burglary	12
Credit Cart Fraud	1
Hit and Run	2
Theft (from vehicle)	3
Theft (Bike)	4
Theft (from building)	4
Theft (Other)	2
Grand Theft Auto	0
Forgery	0
Trespass	3
Vandalism	6
Other	0

Arrests 6

* Includes bias related incidents

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