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April 2006 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

It is important, as summer begins, to be mindful of the good safety habits that have been cultivated during the school year. While the number of burglaries reported in April is about average, compared to March and April of 2005, there was an increase of burglaries perpetrated through open or unlocked windows, while the number of burglaries from unlocked dorm rooms decreased. The number of bike thefts has also decreased dramatically, and only one of those bicycles was left unlocked. This indicates an increase in awareness and safety precautions, and makes the job of thieves much more difficult. Especially during move-out days, it is vital to continue these good habits, as stress and sleep deprivation increase and make us less cautious than normal. Propping doors, leaving boxes or belongings on the curb, and allowing follow-throughs into buildings all increase the

campuses' vulnerability to theft. The surrounding community knows that many items are thrown away or abandoned at this time of year, and it is easy for the thieves who are intent on stealing viably owned property to blend in with the community scavengers and even the friends and family who are on campus to help with move-out or commencement.

Be aware of where your belongings are, who is in your dorm or office area, and whether or not they have a host physically with them. When in doubt, call Campus Safety!

April 2006 Selective Incident Summary, April 1—30

- A Campus Safety officer reported that a fight broke out at a party. A student had his tooth knocked out by an unknown assailant. Campus Safety and Claremont Police Department officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the aggressor.
- A guest of a student reported that her wallet, which was sitting next to her in an exterior dorm stairwell, was stolen.
- A student reported that the driver's side mirror was broken off of his vehicle while it was parked in an on-campus parking lot overnight.
- An R.A. reported that one of his residents told him that a female student

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may have been “taken advantage of” while at a party. The resident told Campus Safety officers that the female said she took a drink from an unknown male’s cup, and later awoke in an unfamiliar dorm room. Campus Safety officers and professional staff made contact with the female, who claimed that nothing happened to her while she was in the dorm room.

- A student reported students from a different campus throwing rocks at her dorm. Campus Safety officers arrived, but the students had already returned to their own campus. The reporting student and other witnesses to the incident later filed a bias-related incident report due to misogynistic comments exchanged.
- A staff member reported that his green gardening pull-wagon was stolen from a locked auditorium.
- A student reported that other students were throwing fruit at his dorm, and broke his window. A proctor responded and advised that he would handle the situation in-house.
- A student reported that she found her bicycle, which was previously reported stolen. The bike was locked with the same combination lock that had been stolen along with the bike. The student took possession of the items.
- A student reported that an unknown subject spread Crisco on his and his roommate’s cars, then placed rotted fish in the empty Crisco can and placed it in his suite common room. The student declined to file a report.
- A student reported that her wallet and contents were stolen from her unlocked dorm room. The Visa check card and the gas card contained in the wallet had fraudulent charges.
- A student reported that her unlocked bicycle was stolen from a rack outside her dorm.
- A student reported that his wallet and contents, as well as forty dollars cash, were stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A library employee reported that several books and journals of collector value were stolen from an on-campus library collection.
- A student reported that his car was stolen from the lot where he parked it.
- A student reported that two bicycles, both locked with U-locks, were stolen from a rack near his dorm.
- A student reported that his skateboard was stolen from his unlocked dorm room. He later contacted Campus Safety and reported that the skateboard had been found in a friend’s room.
- A student reported that a laptop, jewelry boxes with jewelry, and a blank check were stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A student employee reported that the doors leading to a student store were broken by an unknown vandal.
- A student reported that she was robbed at gunpoint by a white male with a large nose and deep voice, 5' 11", wearing a black shirt and black beanie, accompanied by a female subject in a skirt. The student was forced into her vehicle and driven to an ATM, where she withdrew money and then was driven back to campus.

- A student reported that a male on a bicycle groped her. Campus Safety officers responded, but were unable to locate anyone fitting the description.
- A student reported that his computer was stolen from his locked dorm room. The perpetrator pulled back the window screen in order to gain access to the room.
- A student reported that her laptop, iPod, diamond earrings, and two bottles of perfume were stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that a vulgar term was spray painted on the door to his suite. He also reported that several items were missing from the suite common room.
- A student reported that his backpack, containing library books, was stolen from the exterior of a student resource center.
- A dean reported a suspicious older white male walking through the campuses. A Campus Safety officer located the subject and determined that he had been stopped on campus previously. The subject was arrested for possession of burglary tools, trespassing, and prowling on private property.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from a bike rack near his dorm.
- A student reported that his wallet, including credit cards and I.D., was stolen from an unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that her laptop computer was stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A facilities director reported that a golf cart was stolen from near their office. The Claremont Police Department later located the cart off-campus, and it was returned to the facilities department.
- A student reported that a purse containing a checkbook, debit card, I.D., and makeup was stolen from her dorm room through an open window. The student also reported various fraudulent charges on her debit card.
- A housekeeper reported that someone hit a gate with a car, damaging the gate. The driver also knocked over a 12" tall tree.
- A student reported another student in a fight with off-campus subjects near a dorm. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and located the subjects. The student claimed the three off-campus subjects took his wallet, but did not want to press charges.
- A student reported that her cell phone was stolen from a party area.
- Two students reported that their laptops and an iPod were stolen from their dorm room, which was locked but had an open window. The students later discovered that an off-campus guest of another student had stolen and pawned the items.
- A student reported that his radar detector and several CDs were stolen from his car, which was found unlocked.
- An employee reported that all four of her hubcaps were stolen off her tires while parked in a campus parking lot.
- An anonymous person reported a male subject running through a dorm, possibly under the influence. A Campus Safety officer and professional staff responded, and escorted the non-student off-campus. He was subsequently banned.

- A student reported that her backpack, containing a text book and notebooks, was stolen from an academic building.
- A Campus Safety officer reported two intoxicated off-campus subjects near an administrative building, smoking marijuana and being belligerent. The female subject grabbed the officer and threatened him. A Claremont Police officer responded, and the subjects were warned regarding private property boundaries.
- A dean reported that a student witnessed two males vandalizing a dorm courtyard with spray paint.
- A staff member reported that her vehicle was dented while parked near a dining hall.
- A student reported that several students stole a golf cart and drove it back to a dorm. A dining service on another campus later reported the cart missing.
- An athletic department employee reported that three intoxicated males stole a golf cart. The cart was later recovered.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that off-campus subjects started a fight with student security, striking one across the face. The subjects fled from the area.
- A student reported that his unlocked skateboard was stolen from a student center.
- A student reported that her wallet was stolen from a study desk at a library. She later reported that the wallet and all contents had been found.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Keep your area secure! This includes locking your door, not propping doors, unpropping doors that you find propped, reporting unfamiliar or suspicious people you see in your dorm or office area, and being mindful of where your keys and ID are.
- Don't leave belongings on the curb, in the hallway, or anywhere else unattended. Clearly mark items meant for donation, and keep a close eye on the rest.
- Don't park in the red zones! If someone gets sick or injured, your vehicle could prevent emergency care providers from easily accessing the location.
- Report any community scavengers to Campus Safety immediately. They may just be looking for abandoned items, but too often, belongings are mistakenly thought to be abandoned when they are left unattended.
- If your debit or credit cards are stolen, notify Campus Safety, your bank, and the three major credit report companies immediately. Several thefts of wallets and purses have been compounded by the thieves' use of the uncanceled credit cards after the fact.
- Be aware of suspicious vehicles driving aimlessly around campus. Many thieves "case" areas that they intend to victimize, and they could also be watching for people to leave items unattended while they load vehicles.

April 2006 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons	
Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	0
Disturbance	0
Hate Crime *	1
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	1
Sexual Assault	0
Other	0
Crimes Against Property	
Arson	0
Burglary	12
Theft (from vehicle)	2
Theft (Bike)	3
Theft (from building)	3
Theft (Other)	1
Grand Theft Auto	1
Trespass	1
Vandalism	4
Other	1
Arrests	1

* Includes bias related incidents

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