

The Claremont Colleges

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August 2006 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

As the school year begins and students and staff return to campus, the number of crimes reported has increased. It is usually difficult to tell from looking at statistics whether this increase is due to an increase of activity surrounding the school year, or if crimes committed over the summer months are just now being discovered and reported as the owners and victims return to the area. This year, the majority of the crimes were reported with relatively short time frames, indicating that the increase is directly related to the beginning of the school year and the return of people to campus. Thieves in the area are well aware of the campuses' calendars, and know to target dorms during scheduled move in and move out times.

There have been a number of arrests this month, and even more going into September, mostly involving people stopped on campus who had outstanding warrants. There have also been several calls for service where victims were observant, and managed to retain a thorough and useful description of the suspect.

One such situation, which is detailed below, also identified a subject seen wandering in a dorm as a suspect previously arrested off-campus for a burglary and grand theft auto of a student. Two persons who are potentially still at large and involved in illegal activity on the campuses are:

- a white or Hispanic woman, 30-40 yrs, 5'5", 160 lbs., stocky build, with dark hair, dark skin, squarish face with pock marks
- a white male, 5'9", 265 lbs, 34 years old, with brown hair, a beard, and multiple tattoos on both biceps and across the back

If you see anyone fitting either description on the campuses, call Campus Safety IMMEDIATELY. Do not approach the subject! Make a note of what they are wearing and which direction they are headed, and notify the dispatcher of that information.

August 2006 Selective Incident Summary, August 1—31

- A conference counselor reported that assorted items, including a jewelry box with jewelry and a bank card, were stolen from her unlocked dorm room while she slept. The bank card was later used fraudulently.

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- A conference counselor reported finding marijuana in the possession of a camper. The camper was sent home.
- A community member reports that the CD player/stereo in his car was stolen from his unlocked vehicle while he was parked on campus.
- A student reports that the front wheel to his bicycle was stolen. He declined to file a report.
- A student reported that his wallet was stolen from his unlocked apartment.
- A conference counselor reported that a wallet and guitar belonging to a different counselor were stolen from a locked dorm room. The room connected, via an adjoining bathroom, to an unlocked dorm room. The guitar was recovered in an empty dorm room, and a debit card in the wallet was used for fraudulent charges.
- A staff member reports that various jewelry and lotion belonging to a student were stolen from an unlocked dorm room. Post cards were also ripped from the dorm room door and torn into little pieces.
- A conference counselor reported that his guitar was stolen from an unlocked staff lounge in a dorm.
- A Campus Safety officer reported encountering a man who requested an escort to a payphone, due to a feeling of being threatened. Claremont Police officers responded and arrested the subject for two outstanding warrants.
- A Campus Safety officer reported three off-campus subjects drinking in an outdoor area. Two of the subjects had been previously stopped on campus. Claremont Police officers responded, and the two subjects were arrested for trespassing.
- A student reported that two digital camcorders, tapes, and a memory card were stolen from a locked dorm room.
- An employee reported graffiti on assorted facilities sheds and buildings. He declined to file a report.
- A student reported that his iPod was stolen from his unlocked and open suite common room while he was in his room. The suspect, a white or Hispanic woman, 30-40 yrs, 5'5", 160 lbs., stocky build, with dark hair, dark skin, squarish face with pock marks, and wearing a blue sweatshirt, entered his room and asked him a question, and then left the suite. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded to check the area, but were unable to locate the woman.
- An R/A reported that the screens to a dorm lounge window were punched through, and toiletries were stolen from the restroom.
- A student reported that a bicycle, jewelry, a computer, perfume, a purse, and photographs were stolen from a locked dorm room.
- A campus employee reported that an unknown subject illegally dumped asbestos materials in a campus dumpster. The campus made arrangements for removal.

- An employee reported receiving a letter containing incoherent text concerning illegal surveillance and torture. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- A student reported that his wallet and keys were stolen from his unlocked dorm room while he slept. The thieves then used his keys to steal his vehicle. A police department in a different city later contacted the victim and reported that some of his belongings had been found and a suspect arrested. The same suspect, a white male, 5'9", 265 lbs, 34 years old, with brown hair, a beard, and multiple tattoos on both biceps and across the back, was later stopped on a different campus after having been reported wandering around a dorm.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked to a handrail inside a dorm hallway, was stolen. The cable lock that was securing the bike was also taken.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a U-lock, was stolen from a bike rack near her dorm.
- A dean reported that his bicycle was stolen from a bike rack near an academic building. The cable lock that was securing the bicycle was severed and left at the scene.
- Two students reported that their laptop computers and a makeup bag were stolen from their locked room. A hall mate also reported that his USB hub was missing, but he declined to file a report.
- A student reported that his vehicle was involved in a hit-and-run while parked on a city street bordering the campuses.
- A student reported that a TV with integrated VCR and DVD player, which had been found in the room upon move in, was stolen from his unlocked room. The student later reported that the original owners had returned and recovered their property.
- A student reported that his two-person porch swing with canopy, which was chained to a tree outside his dorm, was stolen.
- A student reported that his iPod, which was left on top of his laptop, was stolen from an unlocked classroom. The student reported that there was a class in the classroom while he was at lunch.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from a rack near his dorm.
- Two students reported that their vehicles, which had been parked next to each other, were damaged in a hit and run. One victim later reported that the perpetrator, another student, left a note on his car three days later.
- A staff member reported a suspicious white or Hispanic female, late 20s or 30s, 5'9", wandering around the dorms. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was arrested for outstanding warrants and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- An employee reported that her vehicle was involved in a hit-and-run while parked on campus.
- An employee reported a black male, 5'7", 24 years old, in a wilderness area on campus, possibly sleeping in the area. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was arrested for outstanding warrants.

- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- If you feel uncomfortable or unsafe walking anywhere on campus, call Campus Safety at x72000 or Safe Escorts at x72101 for a safety escort. Wait with a friend or inside a building until the escort arrives.
- If your room adjoins another room, particularly through a common bathroom, make sure that the residents of that room secure their rooms when they leave, as well, or lock the bathroom when your room will be unattended. Many times, burglaries are accomplished by entering an unlocked room, passing through the bathroom, and into the locked room.
- Be aware of your campus' rules and regulations for drug and alcohol use, as well as the penalties for violating them. Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse.
- Stay out of the assorted construction areas around the campuses. They can be dangerous areas when appropriate precautions are not taken. Additionally, a number of local thefts made anyone inside a construction site after hours suspect, and may result in Claremont Police or the dean being called to the scene.
- Report any damage or security hazards to maintenance immediately. If your room or office is scheduled for maintenance or housekeeping, arrange to be in the area at the time.

- Record serial numbers, models, and all other vital information for expensive or important belongings. Keep a copy in a safe place on campus (possibly store in your email) and another copy at home. Make use of the engravers at Campus Safety, and engrave your name or driver's license number – but not Social Security number – onto items such as bikes, laptops, cell phone and iPods.

August 2006 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons

Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	0
Disturbance	0
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)	1
Theft (Bike)	4
Theft (from building)	1
Theft (Other)	1
Grand Theft Auto	1
Trespass	2
Vandalism	1
Other	5*

Arrests 4

* Includes hit-and-runs and credit card fraud

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