

# The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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## December 2006 Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

December was, as usual, a quiet month as far as crimes reported. Due to the winter break, December tends to show a reduced number of reports across the board when compared to other months in the same school year. Nevertheless, December of 2006 was a peaceful month even compared to December statistics for years past. Burglaries, in particular, were down to only three, from ten in 2005 and seven in 2004. The month of December also tends to show a number of arrests, as members of the surrounding community take advantage of the absence of the majority of the campuses' population. This year, however, there was remarkably little notable foot traffic through the colleges, and only a handful of incidents. There are usually two explanations for quiet months. Either suspicious characters are avoiding being noticed, or they are simply avoiding the campuses entirely. Since very few reports have been received relating to items stolen while students were away, it would seem, happily, that the latter option is the more probable one.

### December 2006 Selective Incident Summary, December 1—31

- A Campus Safety officer reported that the fencing around a construction site storage area was torn away. Approximately 40 large sheets of plywood were stolen. Claremont and Upland Police officers responded.
- A student reported that his girlfriend was sexually assaulted. The dean was advised, and escorted the student to the hospital. The victim reported that she knew her assailant, but declined to name him or file a report with Campus Safety or the Claremont Police Department.
- An employee reported that a drawer on her desk was damaged. Nothing was stolen from inside the drawer.
- A student reported that the outer pane of his dorm room's double-paned window was broken.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was secured with a U-lock, was stolen from a bike rack near a dorm.
- An employee reported that a school-owned camcorder that had been borrowed by a student was stolen from a classroom where it was left.

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- A student reported that an unknown subject threw a rock through his dorm room window, breaking it. He declined to file a report.
- A coach reported that a pace clock was stolen from an aquatics center. The clock was later turned in.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from near her dorm. The cable lock that was securing the bike to a tree was also stolen.
- A student reported that two laptops with chargers, along with five tablets of Ritalin, were stolen from her unlocked dorm room. Due to the total value of the items stolen, Claremont Police officers responded and took the report.
- A student reported that a white male, 20-25 years old, shaved head, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, approached him near a dining hall and offered to sell him marijuana. A Campus Safety officer responded, but the subject had already left the area.
- A Campus Safety officer reports a group of students in a dorm courtyard burning items. A dean was notified, and advised that it was not permitted. The fire was put out.
- A guest of a student reported a white male, with black hair and a goatee, wearing a gray overcoat, carrying a cane, causing problems and refusing to leave a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded and located three off-campus subjects. Their host was located, and was advised to keep his guests with him at all times. All subjects appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance.
- A student reported that a painting was stolen from an art studio. She declined to file a theft report, but made an incident report in case it was stolen by another student in order to take credit for it.
- A student reported that someone used her name in order to create a fraudulent email address, and disseminated her phone number and photos of her. She is now receiving unwanted sexual messages. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, but no report was taken. The responding Claremont Police officer determined that no crime was committed.
- A facilities director reported that a transient has been staying on college-owned property off of the campuses. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and located several belongings, but the transient was not in the area. The transient was later located, warned regarding private property rights, and escorted, with his belongings, off of campus property.
- A dean reported a reporter inside a dorm. A Campus Safety officer responded and escorted the subject off-campus when he refused to indicate his purpose for being on campus.
- An outside security guard at a construction site reported an intoxicated white male trying to force his way into the site. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, but the subject fled.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen. She declined to file a report.

- A grounds director reported that someone tried to pry the roll up door to an equipment shed off of its track with a crow bar. They managed to open it, but nothing was reported missing.
- A professor reported receiving rambling letters from an off-campus person to whom he has no relation. It was unclear why the subject was sending letters to this particular professor.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that someone hit his vehicle while it was parked in a parking lot. A Claremont Police officer responded, and took a report. The Campus Safety officer later determined that employees of a cleaning service used by the campus had struck his vehicle.
- A student reported that he left his cell phone near an athletic facility. When he returned to the area to retrieve the phone, it was gone.
- An off-campus subject who was previously arrested on campus was seen driving erratically, possibly intoxicated. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the police officers determined that the subject was not intoxicated. He was, however, cited for possession of marijuana. He later returned to campus and continued to drive recklessly. Claremont Police officers responded, and cited him for vehicle violations.
- An employee reported that an art project displayed in a stairwell was destroyed, and that she saw a suspicious white male with grey hair smoking cigarettes in the stairwell on a previous occasion.
- A grounds director reported a large amount of graffiti and tagging painted on the south exterior wall of a pool. Some of the paintings matched images painted at a different campus over the summer.
- An employee reported that his locked vehicle was ransacked and burglarized while parked near an academic building, and that two pairs of sunglasses were stolen.

## Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Register your vehicle with Campus Safety. Not only is it required by school policy, and will help you avoid accruing citations, but it also allows Campus Safety to contact you in case there is a problem with your vehicle.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Know where you are, including building and campus names, and who you are with.
- Trust is an admirable virtue, but so is prudence. Never accept responsibility for people you don't know, or only know as acquaintances, especially when hosting off-campus subjects. Likewise, don't ever assume that people have good intentions. It is far better to risk offending someone by being wary than to end up injured because you did not want to hurt someone's feelings.

- If you are the victim of a crime, report it immediately. Do not assume that “nothing will be done” or that “it’s just too much hassle.” If you are uncomfortable or feel threatened discussing the crime for whatever reason, Campus Safety provides an anonymous “Silent Witness” program available through the website at [http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs/silent\\_witness\\_program.htm](http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs/silent_witness_program.htm).

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## December 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	3
Theft (from vehicle)	1
Theft (Bike)	2
Theft (from building)	1
Theft (Other)	2
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	1
Other	1*

Arrests	0
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\* Includes hit-and-runs