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January 2006 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

January has shown an increase in burglaries and thefts. Surprisingly, most of the thefts did not occur over the break while possessions were unattended, possibly because residents were conscientious about securing areas before they left for break. Since the end of break, however, that caution has apparently become somewhat more lax. Of the 9 burglaries that occurred in residential areas, only one area had a locked door, and that locking mechanism was known by the residents to be broken. Of the 8 residential burglaries that were perpetrated in unsecured areas, three of them occurred in common areas such as lounges, bathrooms, or suite common rooms. There also have been several reports of the same woman in the area of dorms around the time of dorm burglaries. She has been described as a white female, between 20-30 years of age, with medium to long brown hair, seen carrying a Huntley Bookstore bag.

The number of burglaries this year is somewhat higher than last January, with 15 burglaries as opposed to 8 last year, but unlike last year, there

were no office burglaries. Hopefully, this indicates an increased awareness of security issues amongst staff and faculty. Unfortunately, the reduction of office burglaries has been countered by an increase in non-residential, non-office burglaries. This has mostly affected the athletic facilities, with several locked lockers being burglarized.

Another area of concern this month has been bike thefts from outside academic buildings, especially on the southern campuses. There were six bicycle thefts this month, which while an increase from last month's two reported bike thefts, is about average based on last semester's bike thefts. All four of the bicycles stolen from academic buildings were locked with cable locks, which were either stolen, or cut and left at the scene. Two bicycles were stolen from near residences, and both of those bikes were left unsecured. As always, it is imperative to remember to lock your bicycle to a bike rack with a solid U-lock, even if you do not intend to be gone from the area for very long.

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Selective Incident Summary, January 1—31

- A proctor reported that various purses, cell phones, keys, and cash were stolen from an unlocked dorm lounge while students were watching a film.

- A CPD dispatcher reported that two male subjects jumped a fence onto college property. CPD and Campus Safety officers responded and located the subjects. They were warned about private property boundaries, and released to the mother of one of the subjects.
- A coach reported that several visiting athletes had lockers broken into during a game. Amongst the items stolen were miscellaneous credit cards, cash, 3 iPods and 3 cell phones.
- A building attendant reported seeing a facilities employee inside of a student's room, sorting through the student's coins and exchanging them for ones in the employee's pocket. The building attendant reported the situation to her supervisor, and the head of the department said that the issue would be handled as a personnel issue between supervisors.
- A Campus Safety officer reported finding a vandalized van. The van, which is owned by one of the Colleges, had shattered windows, but nothing was stolen.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that a vehicle parked in a campus lot had been vandalized. The vehicle, which had previously had the front passenger side window broken, had shattered driver's side window, windshield, and rear passenger window.
- A student reported that \$100 cash, which was in his room, and his apartment keys, which were in his pocket, were stolen from his unlocked apartment. He later reported that the cash was found, but the keys were still missing.
- A student reported that her bicycle and various toiletries were stolen from her unlocked suite.
- A student reported that his iPod was stolen from his unlocked dorm room over the break.
- A Grounds employee reported that the latch to a storage shed was cut, but nothing was missing. Another employee reported having seen a small blue pick-up truck in the area just before the damage was discovered.
- A student reported that his PowerBook laptop and a friend's cell phone were stolen from his unlocked dorm room. He later reported having seen a black male, approximately 20's or 30's, 6'2", 180 lbs. bald, gray hooded sweatshirt and one large red garbage bag and one large black garbage bag walking around his dorm at the time of the theft.
- A student reported that a pair of prescription glasses, misc. pens and pencils, a TI 83 calculator and his checkbook were stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that his vehicle was burglarized while parked in a campus lot. The radio, center console faceplate, sunglasses and steering column accessories were removed.
- A student reported that her purse and digital camera were stolen from a locked art studio.
- A student reported that his laptop was stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
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- A student reported that her laptop and her roommate's laptop were stolen from their unlocked dorm room.
- An R.A. reported four off-campus subjects causing problems near a residential area. Campus Safety officers responded, and a student who had been on-scene reported that the subjects had left, but had threatened to return "packing" (i.e., with weapons.) CPD officers responded, and detained three of the subjects at gunpoint. The fourth fled into a nearby construction site. Campus Safety officers located a fifth subject in the construction site, who turned out to be a student at one of the Colleges. The subjects claimed that the threat was not made in earnest. The off-campus subjects were warned about private property boundaries and escorted off-campus.
- A faculty member reported that the rear window to her van was broken while it was parked near an academic building.
- A staff member reported that two emergency supply storage sheds were burglarized. The locks on both sheds were cut, but nothing was taken.
- A student reported that her unlocked bicycle was stolen from near her on-campus apartment.
- A student reported that her cable-locked bicycle was stolen from near an academic building.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from near his dorm.
- A staff member reported that a golf cart and various equipment stolen from an off-campus area were found inside a wilderness area. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded and took a GTA Recovery report.
- A student reported that her bike was stolen from near an academic building while she was in class. The cable lock that had been securing the bicycle was cut.
- A student reported that his laptop was stolen from his unlocked suite. A white female, approx. 20-30 yrs. old, long to medium brown hair, carrying a Huntley Book Store bag was seen in the area. A similarly described woman has been reported in the area of other thefts.
- A student reported that her locked bicycle was stolen from near an athletic center. The cable lock that was securing it was also taken.
- A student reported that the passenger side rear view mirror of his vehicle was broken off.
- A student reported that his stereo was stolen from the unlocked common area of his suite.
- A staff member reported that the walls and desks of locked private offices in a service providing area had been vandalized with various pen and pencil markings.
- A student reported that his bike, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near an academic building while he was in class.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Lock all doors and windows at all times. It may seem inconvenient to have to carry your keys, but it's even more inconvenient to have to replace valuables that were stolen. Even if you are in your room, don't leave the doors to any common areas propped or unlocked. Discuss the importance of securing areas with everyone who shares the common space.
- Report any maintenance problems immediately. A door that does not fully secure or a window that jams is an invitation to prowlers who knows how to look for easy targets.
- Do not sneak into restricted or alarmed areas when you are not supposed to be there. Use of the pool or the gym may seem like a fun and harmless prank, but responding to those alarms prevents officers from responding to other calls, and may result in sanctions depending on your campus. Remember that alarmed areas are alarmed for a reason, and officers respond expecting to encounter intruders and burglars.
- Find out where your campus has surveillance cameras. Park your car in monitored areas, and check the location of the camera to be sure that your camera will be in view of the camera's pan.

January 2006 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons

Annoying Call	0
Assault	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	15
Theft (from vehicle)	1
Theft (Bike)	6
Theft (from building)	0
Theft (Other)	0
Grand Theft Auto	1*
Forgery	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	5
Other	0

Arrests 0

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