

The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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July 2006 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

As is usual for the summer months, July has been thankfully lacking in crimes against persons, and has had a great reduction in the number of crimes against property when compared to the normal statistics during the school year. The number of crimes against property is the same as it was for June, although they are more spread out both across campuses and types of crime. The thefts this month were not as easily explained with unlocked, unattended belongings as most of the thefts this year have been. A number of the thefts and burglaries indicated some manner of force or forethought, as a bicycle locked with a U-lock, an instrument in a locked locker, and equipment from a locked construction site were stolen. Another disconcerting incident involved an off-campus juvenile who reported that an adult male offered improper advances in the locker room of a swimming pool open to the public. The child and his guardian did not desire a report, and the lifeguards to whom the incident was reported waited two days before notifying Campus Safety

of the situation. As always, it is vital to the safety of the entire community that suspicious persons and incidents be reported immediately. Even in the early parts of August, a high number of burglaries and attempted burglaries have occurred in the dorms of the eastern campuses. Be aware of your surroundings, and take notice of people in your dorm or office building whom you do not recognize. Especially during the upcoming move-in period, dorm security can be easily breached due to propped doors and the vast number of unfamiliar faces. Be sure to keep your belongings under lock and key, and close any propped doors that you find.

July 2006 Selective Incident Summary, July 1—31

- An employee reported that a stack of paperwork, which was stolen from her desk at the beginning of June, was mailed to her personal residence. She believes that this is related to several vandalisms that have been reported in her office.
- A student reported that his dorm room, which was left closed but unlocked, was burglarized. His iPod and cell phone charger were stolen, and other items were moved around in the room.

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- A student reported that, while walking on an athletic track late at night, a man approached her, asked her if she would model for him, and then asked for direction to an art department. The male was described as 5'5", bald, slightly overweight, between 40-50 years of age, wearing shorts, white T-shirt and sneakers.
- The Claremont Police Department reported that several thousand dollars worth of copper wire was stolen from a construction site on campus. The site had earlier been found unsecured.
- A Claremont Police officer reported three juveniles riding a stolen flatbed golf cart on city streets. The subjects admitted to stealing the cart from on campus. The juveniles were arrested, and the cart was returned to campus.
- A Campus Safety officer, responding to an intrusion alarm, reported that the glass on the entry door of a student store was broken. Claremont Police and Campus Safety officers responded, and took a vandalism report. The operator of the store reported that nothing appeared to have been stolen.
- At 0046 hours, a student reported a suspicious male inside a dorm. Campus Safety officers arrived and located the subject outside the dorm. The subject gave a false name and then walked away from officers. Claremont Police officers responded and the subject was warned regarding private property boundaries.
- A lifeguard reported that, two days prior, while he was closing the pool, a juvenile male and an adult woman approached him. The male, approximately 10 years of age, told the lifeguard that a white male in his mid 40's, tall, wearing sweat pants, approached him and a friend while in the locker room. The man told the boys that he was going to shower, and that they could look at his genitals if they wanted. The man had left the pool area before the lifeguard was notified of the situation. The woman and the boy refused to give any personal information or file a report.
- A staff member reported that her laptop computer and docking station were stolen from her office. She advised that she had left the door to her office unlocked, but that the door leading to that area was locked.
- A coach for a camp on campus reported that his iPod tuner, CD player, and golf shoes were stolen from inside his locked vehicle.
- A Campus Safety officer reported an intoxicated, disoriented man walking near a dorm. The man left campus prior to officers making contact with him, and the Claremont Police Department was notified. Claremont Police officers made contact with the subject near the campus border.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that a campus van that had been previously damaged now had been vandalized with painted stencils.

- A Campus Safety officer reported two subjects carrying a stop sign. One subject claimed to be a local high school student, so the Claremont Police Department was notified. The subject then fled into a dorm. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers made contact with the second subject, who admitted to being a student. He replaced the stop sign at the off-campus location from where it was stolen.
- A staff member reported that the mother of a child in a children's program reported a swim suit and a cover-up missing from the program room. Both items went missing over weekends. The mother later filed a crime report.
- An employee reported that the door to her gas tank was found open and the cap was sitting on the roof of her car. There was no indication that any gas was stolen.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a U-lock, was stolen from a bike rack near a dorm.
- A professor reported that several lockers were forced open and musical instruments were stolen. One instrument was later determined to have been taken by its owner.
- An employee reported that, while cleaning a building, an intern found a purse that was reported stolen over a year ago by an employee of a different campus. A Campus Safety officer responded and recovered the item, which was still missing some of the stolen contents.
- A facilities employee reported that a dedication plaque was stolen from a campus quad.
- A student reported that his unsecured bicycle was stolen from an academic building courtyard.
- An officer reported a subject loitering near dorms. When identified, the subject was determined to be banned from campus. Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was arrested for trespassing.
- A conference attendee reported that someone may have reached into her dorm room through an open window. Nothing was reported stolen.
- A conference counselor reported that a conference attendee walked in on a possible attempted burglary. The attendee entered the room, and saw a male subject leaving through the window. Nothing was reported stolen. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, but were unable to locate the subject.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- If you hear unusual or loud noises coming from areas that should be relatively empty during the summer, call Campus Safety immediately. Do not investigate the situation yourself.
- Do not, for any amount of time, leave an animal enclosed in a vehicle. Even in the shade, vehicles can reach temperatures far above the ambient outside temperature. If an animal is found inside a vehicle, the police may be called, and your animal may be confiscated.

- During move-in, do not park in fire lanes or double park in the street. While parking is difficult at this time of year, illegal parking can result in a fine from the city, and also can cause hazardous conditions that present a danger to the community.
- Do not leave your belongings stacked in the hallway, unlocked common area, or along the sidewalk while moving in. Local thieves know when students come back to campus, and monitor the area for unattended belongings. Always lock your vehicle and your dorm room when they are not actively attended.
- Adhere to your school's "sub-free opening" policy. Violations can result not just in strict penalties, but also in personal danger or harm. Alcohol use at the beginning of the year, especially for freshmen, can have serious detrimental effects.
- Do not wear keys or ID on a lanyard around your neck. If you are assaulted, the lanyard can be used as a weapon against you. Additionally, be sure to keep keys and your ID in separate areas, in case one is lost or stolen.
- If you are approached by someone holding a student's ID or keys, claiming to want to "return them", never direct them to the student's room. Instead, give them directions to the Dean of Student's office, or Campus Safety. Additionally, notify Campus Safety immediately so that an officer can meet with the subject and verify the claim.
- If your keys or ID are lost or stolen, notify Campus Safety and your dean of student immediately. ID cards can be cancelled to prevent misuse of your ID's building access or meal plans. If you have Claremont Cash on your ID, notify the Card Center immediately as well.

July 2006 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons

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| 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

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| Arson | 0 |
| Burglary | 4 |
| Theft (from vehicle) | 1 |
| Theft (Bike) | 2 |
| Theft (from building) | 1 |
| Theft (Other) | 1 |
| Grand Theft Auto | 1* |
| Trespass | 1 |
| Vandalism | 1 |
| Other | 0 |

Arrests 1

* Includes golf-cart theft

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