

# The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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## May 2006 Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

As always, burglaries, especially in dorms, are a pressing concern. This month, several students had items stolen after they were left in dorm hallways during move-out. Half of the dorm thefts and burglaries this month occurred after students left belongings in commonly accessible areas. Two burglaries involved unlocked dorm rooms, one involved a door that was locked, but left ajar, and another was perpetrated through an unlocked window. While the decrease of burglaries from unlocked dorm rooms is encouraging, it is vital to remember that rooms must be completely secured whenever they are not being monitored. Two other dorm room burglaries are more concerning, since they involved secured rooms that showed no sign of forced entry, and both of those rooms were accessible with keys that were available to a number of people.

Another concerning trend is that of off-campus subjects with warrants being found on campus. Of the five arrests during May, four of the subjects were arrested for outstanding warrants.

Most of these subjects were stopped for “dumpster diving” or suspicious behavior, and a number of them were in possession of questionably obtained property when stopped. A number of them also displayed violent or aggressive behavior. It is vitally important, both for the safety of your property and your person, that you immediately report any suspicious activity or subjects who do not have legitimate business on campus, including dumpster divers.

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

- A student reported that her bicycle, which had been locked with a chain lock, was stolen from near her dorm.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a banned subject near a dorm. Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was arrested.
- A staff member reported that a student was yelling at and harassing a professor and his staff. Campus Safety officers responded, but the student left prior to their arrival. A Campus Safety officer documented the incident, and notified the appropriate dean.
- A student reported a male screaming and yelling obscenities near her dorm. Campus Safety officers responded, and

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located the male in a fenced off, restricted area. Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was arrested for trespassing.

- An R.A. reported that someone broke the window to her room with a liquor bottle.
- A student reported that her cell phone was stolen from a dorm's exterior stairwell.
- An employee reported that his vehicle was struck while parked on campus, leaving a scratch on the driver's side front fender. The victim also found spit on the driver's side window.
- A student reported that his refrigerator was stolen from the interior hallway of his dorm.
- A student reported that she received a e-mail purporting to be from an online vendor and requesting her financial and personal information. The student gave the requested information, but later had doubts, and confirmed that the email was fraudulent. The Claremont Police Department was notified, but determined that since the information had not been used, no crime had been committed.
- A student reported that her purse was stolen from a dorm common lounge, and that fraudulent charges were charged to her credit cards.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a chain combination lock, was stolen from a bike rack near a student center.
- A student reported that the right side passenger rear view mirror and the interior windshield wiper knob to his vehicle were broken off and removed, and the glove compartment was ransacked and various items taken.
- A student reported that her cable-locked bicycle was stolen from outside her dorm.
- A student reported that his cable-locked bicycle was stolen from a rack near his dorm.
- A student reported that another student and he were assaulted by a third student during a party. The assailant pushed the two victims to the ground, and the female victim sustained a fractured arm.
- A guest reported that her digital camera was stolen from a dorm common area.
- A dean reported that a bench at a quad area was broken, possibly by subjects jumping on it.
- A student reported that a laptop, laptop case and a piece of luggage were stolen from the hallway of his dorm.
- A student reported that assorted items were stolen from his dorm room. His door was locked, but a window and a door to an adjoining room were left unlocked.
- A student reported that a digital camera, a G-4 Power book, 2 books of CDs containing 200 CDs, computer cords and a cell phone charger were stolen from his unlocked dorm room. Due to the high value of the items stolen, a Claremont Police officer responded and took the report.
- A student reported that a duffel bag containing clothing was stolen from a city street near her dorm.
- A student reported that a television with built in DVD player was stolen from the interior hallway of his dorm.
- A student reported that a black canvas briefcase with a white external hard drive

and a metallic hard drive were stolen from the hallway of a dorm.

- A facilities employee reported two dumpster divers. A Campus Safety officer responded, and located the two subjects. At the Campus Safety officer's request, Claremont Police officers responded as well. They determined that one of the subjects had two outstanding warrants, and he was arrested. The second subject was advised of private property boundaries, and was escorted off campus.
- A student reported that an iPod, an iBook, electric guitar with amp, prescription glasses, and a wallet with his debit card and various IDs were taken from a locked but open dorm room.
- A Campus Safety officer reported an older man in a dumpster near a dorm. Claremont Police officers also responded, and the man was arrested for outstanding warrants.
- A student reported that a Hispanic male in his 30's, 180 lbs., wearing a red T-shirt, and a white male in his 30's, 6'0"-6'1", 180-190 lbs., wearing a white T-shirt, both wearing jeans, walked into his room and took several items. When he confronted them, they dropped the items and fled. After approximately 10 to 15 minutes, the student notified Campus Safety, but they were unable to locate the suspects due to the time lapse.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a male and a female, each on bikes, carrying another bike. Claremont Police officers responded, and the female was arrested for outstanding warrants. The extraneous bicycle, which they claimed to have found on campus, was confiscated.
- A student reported that a necklace and a ring were stolen from her locked dorm room.
- A student reported that a rice cooker, a plastic container, and a water filter were stolen from her locked dorm room.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a combative male near a dining hall. Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was arrested for outstanding warrants. The subject also had a laptop computer in his possession, unknown if it was his property or if it was stolen.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that Claremont Police officers had a subject stopped on a city street that runs through the campuses. According to the police scanner, the subject was arrested for an outstanding warrant.
- A student reported that fifty dollars in cash and a box of crayons were stolen from her locked dorm room. She also said that there is a master key that is accessible to several summer workers.
- A staff member reported that vandalism that had been reported during the school year had continued, and there was new damage to her office.

## Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Be sure to carefully monitor usage reports on credit cards, cell phones, and other similar devices. While most fraudulent charges occur after a theft, it is possible to be a victim of fraud while still in possession of your belongings. If you are the victim of theft, be sure to

- immediately cancel all credit cards and cell phone service.
- If your school I.D. is stolen, notify the Card Center in the basement of McAlister. I.D. cards are programmed to access certain buildings, and can potentially be monitored to see if they were used since the theft. Many I.D. cards also carry a balance of Claremont Cash or Board Plus money, which can be used fraudulently just as a credit or debit card can.
  - Be aware of your surroundings. With fewer students, staff, and faculty on campus during the summer, there is less foot traffic between areas. If you intend to walk in an area that you do not know well, do so while it is light out. If you plan to work late, call Campus Safety and let them know where you are working, and when you plan to leave. As always, if you do not feel safe, call Campus Safety for a safety escort.
  - 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 your car is going to be on campus, be sure to alert both Campus Safety and your deans to its presence. If you are leaving your car here, but you are not staying, leave a set of keys with a trusted friend who is either on campus or who lives nearby. Have them check on the car daily, and make sure Campus Safety knows how to reach them. If construction or other situations arise where the vehicle needs to be moved, a local person with keys can prevent your car being towed.

- If you see suspicious activity, do not wait to call Campus Safety. A delay of only a few minutes can prevent officers from locating the subjects. Do not ever attempt to stop or engage suspicious subjects on your own. It is always possible that they are armed and/or dangerous.

## May 2006 Statistics

### Crimes Against Persons

Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	1
Disturbance	0
Hate Crime	1*
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
Other	0

### Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
Burglary	8
Theft (from vehicle)	1
Theft (Bike)	3
Theft (from building)	4
Theft (Other)	0
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	1
Vandalism	0
Other	1**

Arrests 5

\* Includes bias-related incidents

\*\* Includes credit card fraud

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