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November 2006 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

There have been a number of disturbing incidents in November. Unfortunately, few of them resulted in filed crime reports, for an assortment of reasons.

A subject who has plagued the campuses for several years was again reported in November. The unidentified subject is an older white male, frequently described as looking “like a professor”, driving a gold sedan. The subject is typically seen on 6th Street or College Avenue. Each time this subject has been reported, he has stopped female students and through a variety of tactics—most frequently by pretending to know the subject—attempts to coerce the student into his car. If you are stopped by this subject, **DO NOT** get into his vehicle. Attempt to record his license plate and vehicle make, and report him to Campus Safety *immediately*.

Another subject who was repeatedly reported this month was an older white male wearing a white shirt with paint on it. The subject grabbed a student who was walking on a campus street, but she fought back and fled. After a security

bulletin was released to the campuses, several other encounters with the same subject were reported. The subject is described as 5'5"-5'6", blond-white matted hair, unshaven, small build, 50-60 years old, with worn features. On all reported occasions, he was wearing a white or tan shirt with paint on it.

On a positive note, there has been a remarkable decrease in bicycle thefts this month, both compared to October of 2006 and to the month of November in years past. Of the four bicycles that were stolen this month, two were locked with cable locks, which were severed. One of those two bicycles was later located elsewhere on the same campus from which it was stolen. Deans are currently investigating the possibility that the theft either was intended as a prank, or was perpetrated by a fellow student. Two bicycles that were locked with U-locks were also stolen, but one of those bikes had been secured to a small tree, which was broken in order to defeat the U-lock. As always, it remains imperative to secure your bicycle to a sturdy, fixed location—preferably a bicycle rack—in addition to using a solid U-lock.

November has also had an unusual number of crime and incident reports involving students as potential perpetrators. In addition to the bicycle theft mentioned above, a second bicycle that had been reported stolen a few years ago was found near an academic building. A student was arrested for theft after a student’s wallet and cell phone were stolen. The victim called her phone, which rang in the pocket of the subsequently

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arrested student. It is important to remember that, while the Claremont Colleges are a community, and the majority are upstanding, law-abiding citizens, there is always the possibility that fellow students or employees are preying on others.

November 2006 Selective Incident Summary, November 1—30

- A student reported twelve subjects wearing hooded sweatshirts entered a dorm room. The residents of the room later called and reported that a laptop and several CDs were stolen. The residents reported that the door was locked, but that the window was ajar.
- Two students reported that a female was inside their dorm room when they entered. The woman took a pair of shoes and fled the room. Campus Safety officers responded, and located a custodial employee who fit the description. The victim positively identified the woman, who was mentally disabled. She admitted to being in the room, and her manager escorted her home. The custodial service agreed that she would not return to the campus.
- An employee reported that someone drilled into a vending machine. Seven cases of product and an undetermined amount of money, along with the payment receptacle, were missing.
- A facilities employee reported that a trashcan, filled with concrete and bricks, was illegally dumped by the fence of a wilderness area. While cleaning the area, an employee discovered several identification cards. Campus Safety and Upland Police officers responded and took a report.
- A student reported that her vehicle was burglarized while parked in a campus lot. A window was broken, the fuel door was open, and the trunk and hood were both tampered with.
- An employee reported that another employee threatened him while at work. The issue was referred to human resources.
- An off-campus subject who was attending a festival reported that a painting was stolen. He declined to file a report.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from a dorm courtyard. The bicycle was locked to a tree with a U-lock. The perpetrator broke the tree and lifted the bike and lock over the tree.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a student with a realistic looking plastic gun in his waistband. An R.A. responded, and the gun was confiscated.
- A dealer at a party reported that a student struck him in the back and tried to steal his casino chips. A student security officer reported that he pulled a student off of the dealer and identified him. The dealer declined to file charges.

- A proctor reported a male, 6', 200lbs, heavy set with dark hair, removing items from dorm room doors. A Campus Safety officer responded and located the subject as he left campus. Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was arrested for trespassing. No items were found in his possession when he was stopped.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from his dorm courtyard. The cable lock that was securing it was severed and left at the scene.
- A student reported that an oil painting was stolen from a dorm hallway.
- A Campus Safety officer reported the odor of marijuana near a student eatery. Several students fled the area, and seven were identified.
- A staff member reported that a co-worker has been threatening employees, and one employee was possibly followed after leaving work. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and took a report. The employee was advised to call immediately if another situation occurs.
- A student reported that his skateboard was stolen from a dining hall.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a U-lock, was stolen from near his dorm.
- An R.A. reported religiously derogatory graffiti on a monument marker.
- A student reported that her purse was stolen from a social room during a party. Various items from the purse were found scattered across campus streets.
- A facilities director reported several hanging banners were stolen from an auditorium.
- A student reported that he forgot his ATM card at an on-campus machine. The card was subsequently used to withdraw a large sum of money from his account. Claremont Police and Campus Safety officers responded.
- A student reported that her wallet and cell phone were stolen from a dorm lounge. When she realized that her belongings were missing, she called the cell phone, which rang in the pocket of a student from a different campus. He threw the phone down and fled the scene. Campus Safety officers responded and located the subject. Claremont Police officer responded, and the victim arrested the subject. The wallet was not located.
- A Campus Safety officer reported two students arguing. One student became belligerent and combative, and charged at a Claremont Police officer who was on scene. The student was subsequently arrested.
- A dean reported an off-campus subject inside a dorm. The subject was staying as the guest of a student without authorization. A Campus Safety officer responded, and the subject was banned from campus.
- A student reported that his windshield was broken while parked next to a dorm. A second vehicle was also found with a broken window. A fire post was found inside the second vehicle, and apparently was thrown through the window. Surveillance cameras were reviewed, to no avail.

- A student reported that her vehicle was vandalized while parked in a dorm lot. There were scratches and dirt marks on the driver's side door, and the driver's side mirror was popped out of its setting. The dirt marks were consistent with a shoeprint, indicating that the vehicle may have been kicked, causing the damage.
- A student reported that his cell phone was stolen from a campus dining hall.
- A student reported being assaulted while being ejected from an on-campus concert. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and an incident report was taken.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from near an athletic center.
- A student reported that his backpack, containing his passport, was stolen from his unlocked dorm room. A dean later reported that the backpack was found with all contents intact.
- A facilities employee reported that a golf cart was stolen. The cart was later found at a different campus.
- A student reported that his dorm room window was broken by an unknown subject. He declined to file a report.
- A student reported a suspicious white male, short, medium build, dirty blonde hair, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans shorts wandering around the area of a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded and visually located the subject, who fled off-campus before contact was made. Claremont Police officers also responded, but were unable to locate the subject.
- A student reported that she was raped in August of 2005 by her then-boyfriend. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and an incident report was taken. The student declined to file a crime report with the Claremont Police. The appropriate deans were advised of the circumstances.
- A student reported a group of off-campus subjects smoking marijuana near a dorm. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. One subject was cited on drug charges, and one was arrested for an outstanding warrant. All subjects were warned regarding private property rights and were escorted off campus.
- A student reported that she was verbally assaulted by a white male, short hair, skinny, 5'9"-5'10", wet and covered in mud, who was accompanied by a female, also covered in mud. The female showed a student ID. The reporting student declined to file a report, and responding Campus Safety officers were unable to locate the subjects.
- A student reported that her dorm room window was broken by another student. She reported that the male student was harassing her and spitting at her at a party, and then he followed her back to her dorm room and threw ice at the window. He has also been using vulgar language toward her via the internet. An R.A. and Campus Safety officers responded, and the dean was notified. A second R.A. made contact with the male student and instructed him to keep his distance from the female.

- A student reported that a heavy set white male with brown hair, wearing a black shirt and white pants, was seen writing various sexist comments on the walls of a dorm with a black marker. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subject had already fled. A Campus Safety officer took pictures of the vandalism, and an R.A. filed an incident report.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was cable locked, was stolen from near a dorm. The bike was later recovered, unsecured, at a different dorm. Students reported having seen it at various residences around campus over the weekend.
- A student reported that approximately 30 minutes prior, she was grabbed by an older "gruff-looking" white male with light hair, 5'6", in a white shirt with paint stains and dark jeans. Campus Safety officers responded to the area, but were unable to locate the subject.
- A student reported that his rental wheelchair was stolen from an unlocked dorm lounge.
- A student reported that his unsecured track shoes and an attached key ring were stolen from a track.
- An employee reported that a white male with light hair was passing by her office window late at night, and looked into her window and continued looking as he was walking. She was concerned because he matched the description of the subject reported to have grabbed the female student.
- A student reported that he had two encounters with a subject who fit the description of the man who reportedly grabbed a female student. He said that he encountered the man off campus at Indian Hill and Foothill, and again on-campus near an admissions building. The student reported that the man appeared to be intoxicated or mentally unstable. The subject was a white male, 5'5"-5'6", blond-white matted hair, unshaven, small build, 50-60 years old, with worn features. On both occasions, he was wearing ripped jeans and a white or tan shirt with paint on it. He was advised to call Campus Safety immediately if the subject was seen again.
- A staff member reported that there were broken chairs, vulgar language on the white board, and tampons on the floor at a library.
- An employee reported that two vacuums were stolen from a custodial closet. A Campus Safety officer later recovered both pieces of equipment.
- A professor reported that his laptop was stolen from his locked office. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the laptop was located in a trash bag outside the building, along with two iPods, one of which belonged to the professor. A second professor reported his iPod missing the next day, and it was returned.
- A student employee reported that, while driving a campus-owned golf cart, he stopped to allow a group of students to pass. One of the students threw his body against the windshield of the cart, cracking it.

- A building attendant reported that a wallet, which was inside her purse in a locked closet, was stolen.
- A student reported a vehicle with the window broken, trunk open and its lights on. A Campus Safety officer responded, and discovered the driver's side window broken with a rock. A Claremont Police officer responded, as did the vehicle's owner, who was visiting a student. A purple glass cross and pressed glass hangers were stolen.
- An R.A. reported that an older white male, with white hair, a balding spot, and a pointed nose, driving a gold sedan, tried to pick her up while she was walking along a city street. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded to the area, but the subject had already left the scene.
- A student reported that soccer goals that had been left at an intramural field were vandalized and stolen. He later reported that he had found the goals and would be securing them.
- A student reported that his vehicle was stolen from a campus parking lot. Campus Safety and Claremont Police responded, and took a report. The student later reported finding the vehicle parked elsewhere on campus.
- A student reported that a bicycle that he reported stolen in October of 2004 was locked to a bike rack near an academic building. A dean responded, and secured the bicycle with an additional lock. A note was left with the bike for the owner to contact Campus Safety prior to removing the bike.
- A student reported that her laptop was stolen from her unlocked dorm room. She later reported that she possibly had suspect information regarding another student. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, as did deans from the appropriate schools. The students' rooms were checked with the students' permission, but the laptop was not found.
- A student reported that two white males, with "Beatles style" brown wavy hair, slender build, wearing dark color clothing, were seen jumping on cars in a parking lot. Three vehicles were located with damage.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- A number of sexual assaults and rapes have occurred or been reported this semester. In all cases, the victim declined to file a crime report. If you are the victim of a rape or sexual assault, report the situation to Campus Safety or your dean immediately. There are a wide range of campus resources available to you, whether you choose to press charges or not. Always be sure, as well, to be tested for STDs and AIDs for up to a year after. If you know of someone who has been raped or sexually assaulted, please notify Campus Safety and/or the dean's office, and contact the HEO or Monsour for information on resources available to rape survivors.

- When reporting a suspicious person or circumstance, give the Campus Safety dispatcher as much information as possible. This includes a physical description of the subject (include race, gender, hair color and length, clothing description, and anything else of note), direction of travel, and method of travel. If the subject is in a car, try to get a license plate number.
- When preparing for the Winter Break, be sure to properly secure all items. Take expensive, easily portable items such as laptops, iPods, and cell phones with you during the break. All valuable items that are left in your room should be secured out of plain sight, preferably in a safe, footlocker, or lockbox that is difficult to transport. Be sure to lock your doors and windows prior to leaving campus.
- If your car will be on campus during the break, try to park it in a well lit parking lot with surveillance. Use a car cover, if possible, and be sure to not leave anything of value in your vehicle. If you know anyone in the area or who will be staying on campus, ask them to check in on your vehicle periodically.
- Campus Safety provides an anonymous “Silent Witness” program available through the website at http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs/silent_witness_program.htm. This site has offered several strong leads in situations already this school year. If you have any information about crimes or other situations on campus, visit the website and fill out the form given. A Campus Safety supervisor will investigate all correspondence and tips received.

November 2006 Statistics*

Crimes Against Persons

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

Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
Burglary	5
Theft (from vehicle)	2
Theft (Bike)	4
Theft (from building)	6
Theft (Other)	3
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	1
Vandalism	3
Other	0

Arrests	4
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* These statistics reflect *crime reports* filed with the department. Incidents reported that did not result in a crime report are not included in these numbers.

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